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This is the bride and groom from my friend's wedding. Soon these two will be having their second child! When I found this, it took some time before I knew what it was a picture of.

Honorifics Explained

In this manga book, you will find Japanese honorifics left intact in the translations. For those not familiar with how the Japanese use honorifics and, more important, how they differ from American honorifics, we present this brief overview.

Politeness has always been a critical facet of Japanese culture. Ever since the feudal era, when Japan was a highly stratified society, use of honorifics—which can be defined as polite speech that indicates relationship or status—has played an essential role in the Japanese language. When addressing someone in Japanese, an honorific usually takes the form of a suffix attached to one's name (example: "Asuna-san"), is used as a title at the end of one's name, or appears in place of the name itself (example: "Negi-sensei," or simply "Sensei!").

Honorifics can be expressions of respect or endearment. In the context of manga and anime, honorifics give insight into the nature of the relationship between characters. Many English translations leave out these important honorifics and therefore distort the feel of the original Japanese. Because Japanese honorifics contain nuances that English honorifics lack, it is our policy not to translate them. Here, instead, is a guide to some of the honorifics you may encounter in our manga.

-san: This is the most common honorific and is equivalent to Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs. It is the all-purpose honorific and can be used in any situation where politeness is required.

-sama: This is one level higher than "-san" and is used to confer great respect.

-dono: This comes from the word "tono," which means "lord." It is an even higher level than "-sama" and confers utmost respect.

-kun: This suffix is used at the end of boys' names to express familiarity or endearment. It is also sometimes used by men among friends, or when addressing someone younger or of a lower station.

-chan: This is used to express endearment, mostly toward girls. It is also used for little boys, pets, and even among lovers. It gives a sense of childish cuteness.

Bozu: This is an informal way to refer to a boy, similar to the English terms "kid" and "squirt."

Sempai/Senpai: This title suggests that the addressee is one's senior in a group or organization. It is most often used in a school setting, where underclassmen refer to their upperclassmen as "sempai." It can also be used in the workplace, such as when a newer employee addresses an employee who has seniority in the company.

Kohai: This is the opposite of "sempai" and is used toward underclassmen in school or newcomers in the workplace. It connotes that the addressee is of a lower station.

Sensei: Literally meaning "one who has come before," this title is used for teachers, doctors, or masters of any profession or art.

-[blank]: This is usually forgotten in these lists, but it is perhaps the most significant difference between Japanese and English. The lack of honorific means that the speaker has permission to address the person in a very intimate way. Usually, only family, spouses, or very close friends have this kind of permission. Known as *yobisute*, it can be gratifying when someone who has earned the intimacy starts to call one by one's name without an honorific. But when that intimacy hasn't been earned, it can be very insulting.

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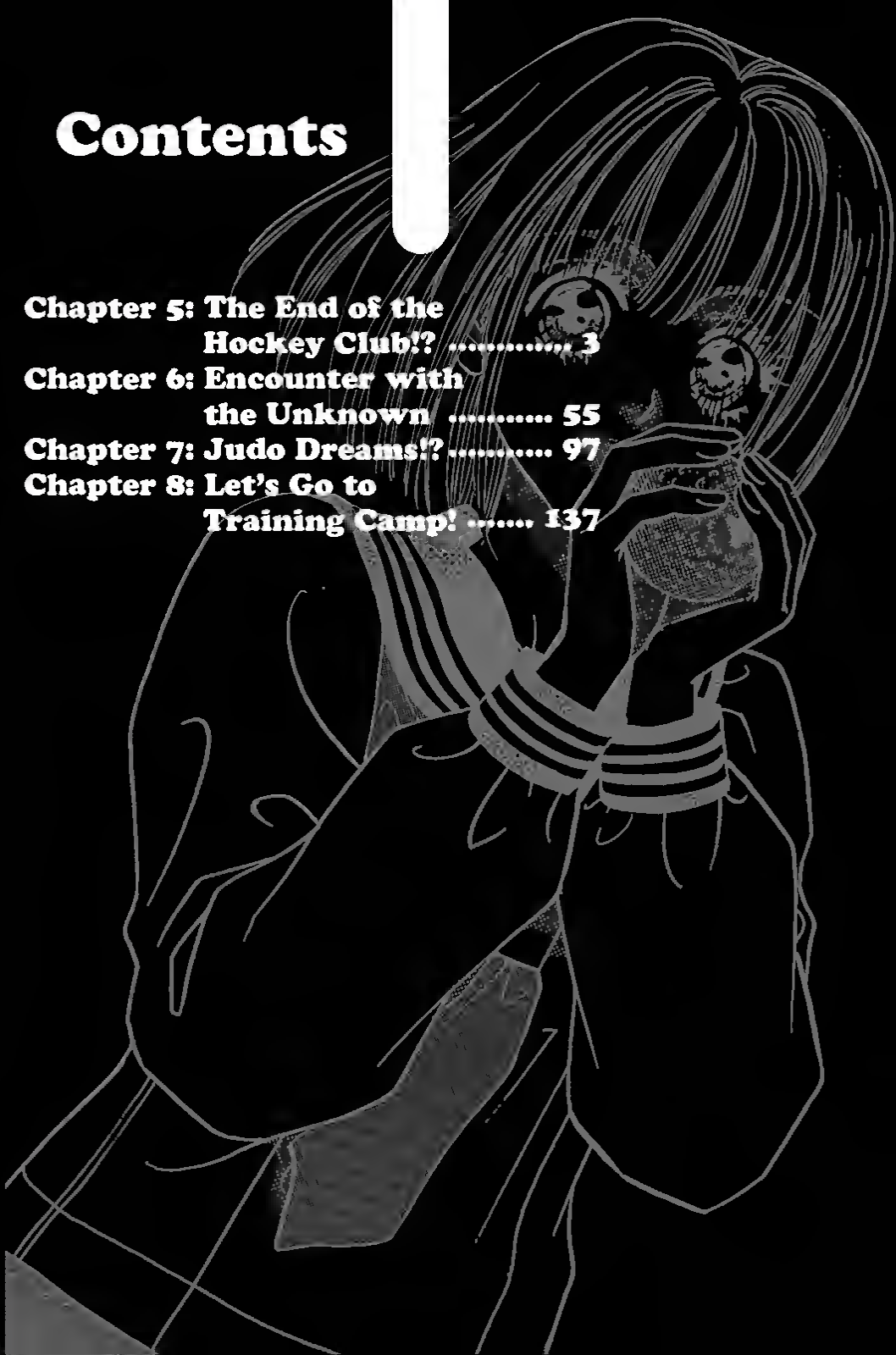

Chapter 5: The End of the Hockey Club!?

Oof!?
ゴッ
WHUMP
ドドドド
Quiet!
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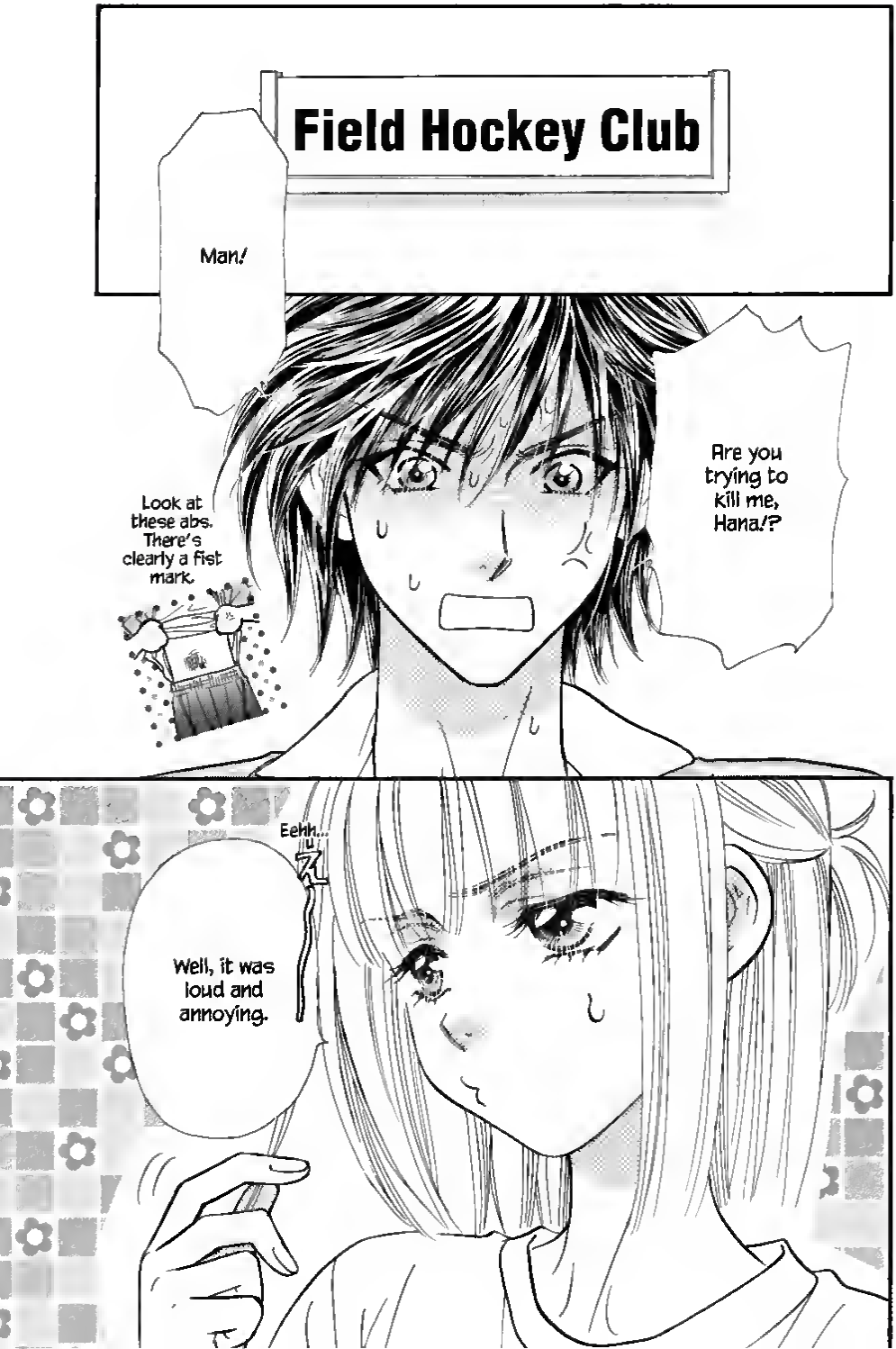
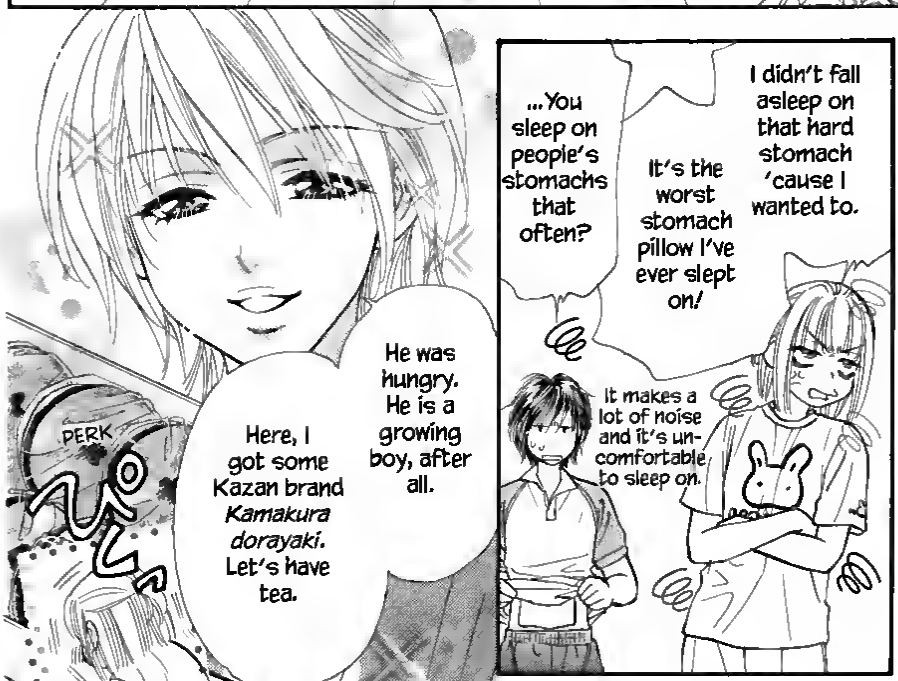
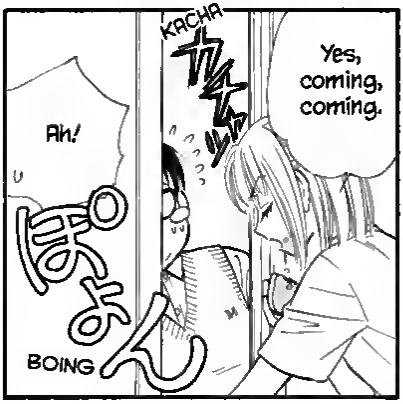

Field Hockey Club
Man!
Are you trying to kill me, Hana!?
Look at these abs. There's clearly a fist mark.
Eehh...
Well, it was loud and annoying.

GYAAAHH!
GATAAHH
I can't help it! I'm a living thing!
Don't say that! I was half asleep already!
Aahh, don't move, Izumi!
How dare you say that! You're the one who fell asleep on my stomach!


...You sleep on people's stomachs that often?
I didn't fall asleep on that hard stomach 'cause I wanted to.
It's the worst stomach pillow I've ever slept on!
It makes a lot of noise and it's uncomfortable to sleep on.
He was hungry. He is a growing boy, after all.
Here, I got some Kazan brand Kamakura dorayaki. Let's have tea.
PERK

Because the weather's so nice this time of year.
GOBBLE GOBBLE ハフ ハフ
But we ended up napping again today.
GOBBLE GOBBLE ハフ ハフ
Oh.
Now that you mention it,
We are the travel club, basically.
It's not like we have a match coming up, so why not?
isn't there a meeting for club presidents today?
I completely forgot.
That's right.
Wouldn't it be over by now?

KNOCK
KNOCK
Keh.
They're making me sick...
It's nice to use your own money.
Ah ha
Even if we did get a budget, it wouldn't even cover our snacks!
Ha ha
Oh, well! We don't really need to go to budget meetings anyway!
Ha ha

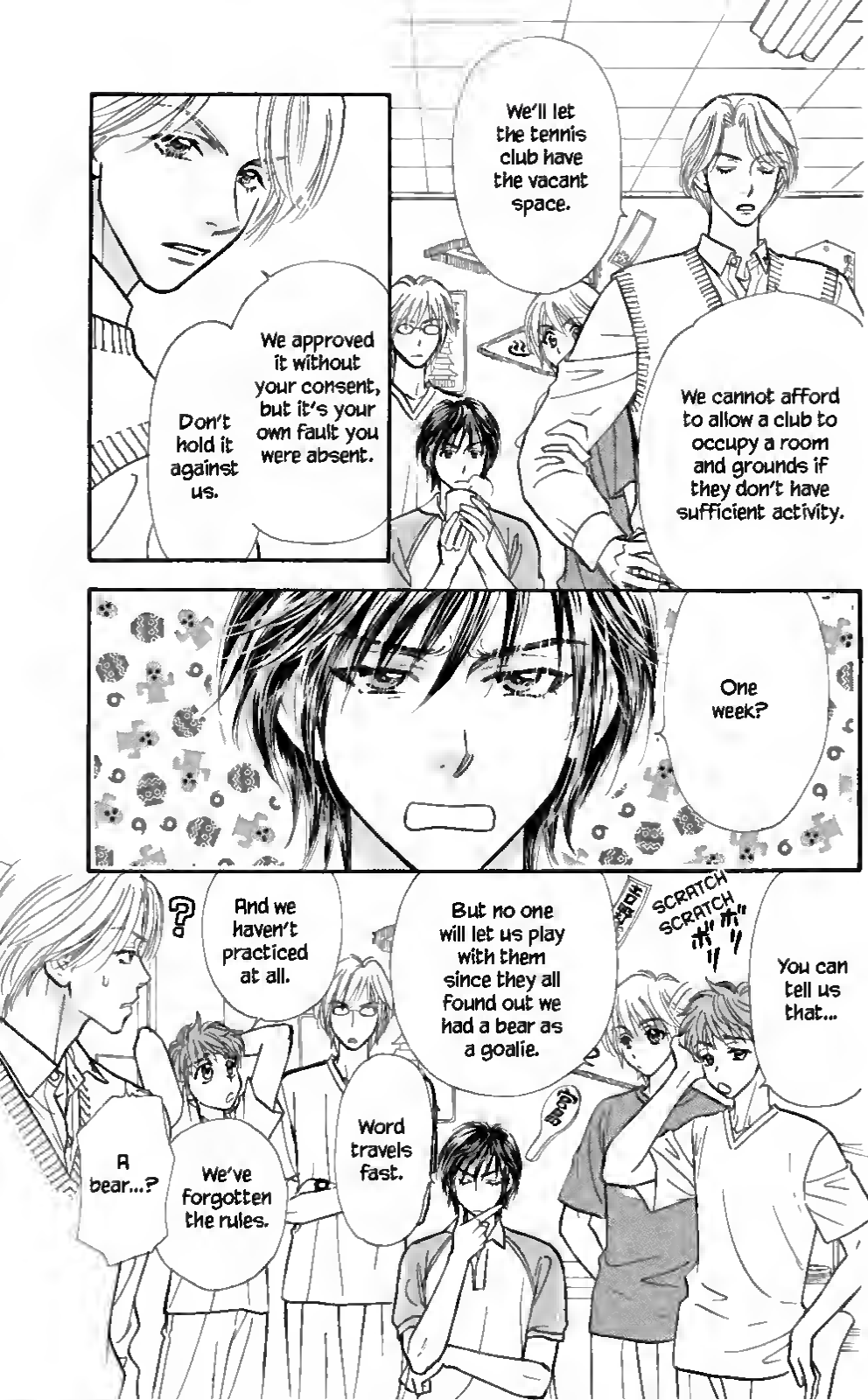

KACHA
Yes, coming, coming.
Ah!
BOING

Pardon us.
May we have a moment?
PAT PAT

E-
Excuse me.

Akagiyama
GLANCE
ちら
The new student body president and vice president, the Ota brothers.
Who's that again?
We just had an election, remember?
Oh.
What club *are* you?
Oh, sorry, sorry.
I was napping and forgot about the presidents' meeting.
...About what came out of that meeting.
Yeah.
We don't care how much we get for club expenses.
Do as you see fit.
Or whatever.
POP

You have one week to win a match, or the hockey club will be disbanded.
It was decided at the presidents' meeting.
Eh?


We'll let the tennis club have the vacant space.
We cannot afford to allow a club to occupy a room and grounds if they don't have sufficient activity.
We approved it without your consent, but it's your own fault you were absent.
Don't hold it against us.
One week?
You can tell us that...
SCRATCH SCRATCH
But no one will let us play with them since they all found out we had a bear as a goalie.
Word travels fast.
We've forgotten the rules.
And we haven't practiced at all.
A bear...?

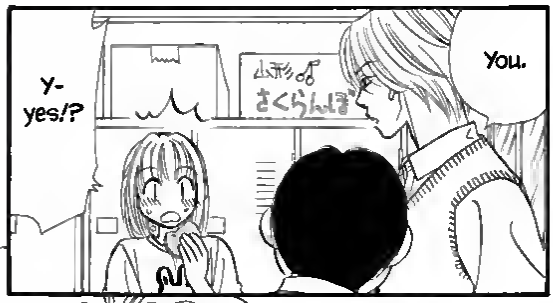
Hmph.

Oh, it doesn't really matter. We can make a hockey field in my yard.
There's room at my place, too.
I'd like a bigger club room that we can use more freely.

Besides,
I'd like to have a match.

DON
But when someone orders me to do something, I don't want to do it anymore!

Izumi Oda.
You may be the chairman's grandson, but you won't get any special treatment from me.
I'm looking forward to the end of this week.


You.
Y-yes!?
さくらんぼ

You've got some *anko* there.

Th...
Thank you.
Please, take one.
The student body president's in the tennis club, isn't he?
Our tennis club is really good, and they've got a lot of members, so they don't have enough courts.
What's with that? He's just abusing his power.
Ah ha ha. We don't want to hear that from Izumi, do we, Hana-chan?
it's cold. Make some more.
The captain, right? And his brother's the manager.
Man.
What's their problem? Coming in here while we're eating.
バタン
BATAN
Hey, Hana?
Hana-chan?

ぽ
BLUSH
Ha...
Hana—!!?

THWACK
...Hmmmm
THWACK

I saw something like this in a shojo manga a long time ago.
The picture of a maiden in love.
So that's her type.
Izumi.
As if.
Morons. She's more interested in food than the opposite sex.
But I've never seen Hana-chan like that.
Even Hana-chan is kind of a girl.
SASA
SNAP

That's...
.....
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
START
Can I help you?
the girl from the hockey club, isn't it?
N-no, not that.
!...
Have you scheduled a match?
Or did you come to complain?

?
BLUSH
Now, now.
Brother, she's a girl; you don't need to talk to her like that.
TAH
E-
excuse me!
Hana, let's go to the club.
Izumi-sempai.
Ow!
WHAM
Kya!

'lo!
Nice seeing you!
Hello!

But I wonder if that girl likes you, Brother.

I hate their devil-may-care attitudes!

What's wrong with it? Based on what they said yesterday, it seems like they'll let us have the hockey field.
I don't like it!!
I will crush that hockey club!

She couldn't look you in the face and kept looking down. It was so cute.
...I see.
WHAT!!?
Oh, so that's why she was acting strange...
You sure are slow, Brother.
Heh heh heh heh
Indeed. I am better than Oda, after all.
Did you see his face just now?
She's not really my type, but that girl is correct.
Arrogant as ever.
Likes flashy girls.
Watching you from the shadows like that.
She's an endangered species.
But it's almost refreshing to see such a modest girl these days.

Hey, Hana.
Eh...?
You've been acting weird since yesterday.
Is something bothering you?
You guys go on inside.
Take your time.
'Kay.
If there is something, I'll listen, so tell me.
Eehh? Even if I told *you*, Izumi-sempai...

Gyaaahh!
ギャーッ
Could it be Öta...?
Don't say it./ You'll remind me!
Ha... Hana!?
That startled me...
.....
Wh...
when I look at him, I...
I'm overcome with emotion.
Wha!?
And I feel like I can't control myself. I...
I'm afraid, I guess...
Of,
of what...!?
GULP

No. I just can't say it. It's too embarrassing.

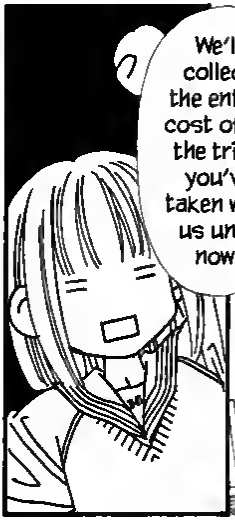
This club room and the hockey field really do belong to the hockey club.
Eehh~~~?
We're having a match.
TWITCH
We will win, and protect it to the very end from the tennis club!!

The tennis club...!
B-BMP どきどき
B-BMP どきどき
Takashi. I don't care if it's six-on-six or what, just find us a school we can play against.
Right, right.
Starting tomorrow, we have strict morning practice!
GATAN

Quiet. I've already decided.
TSUUUN
ーーん

Eh!?
No! You promised we wouldn't have any more morning practice!

Now, now, Hana-chan. This time it won't even last a week. It'll be over in no time.
So cruel...!


We'll collect the entire cost of all the trips you've taken with us until now.

Why do you think I worked so hard to get into a school I can walk to in three minutes!?
WHAT!?
GATAAAN

The Nanbu Department Store is having a Hokkaido *bussanten* starting this weekend.
You like *bussanten*, don't you, Hana-chan?
When the match is over, let's go together. It'll be my treat.
We get the feeling anything that says Hokkaido on it has got to taste good.
I-in that case, then...
Then starting tomorrow, we meet at six a.m.!

I'm so stupid!!
It...
it is impossible...
They'll know I'm a girl for sure.
Izumi! Why don't you take a short break?
In a bit!
These guys...!!
SHOONK
You're manly!!
In your case, Hana-chan, even without the padding, you'll be fine if you wear this!
In this area.

Hey, why did Izumi-sempai suddenly get so motivated?
Oh, it's because...
WHACK
Ow!

Izumi, let's practice passing.
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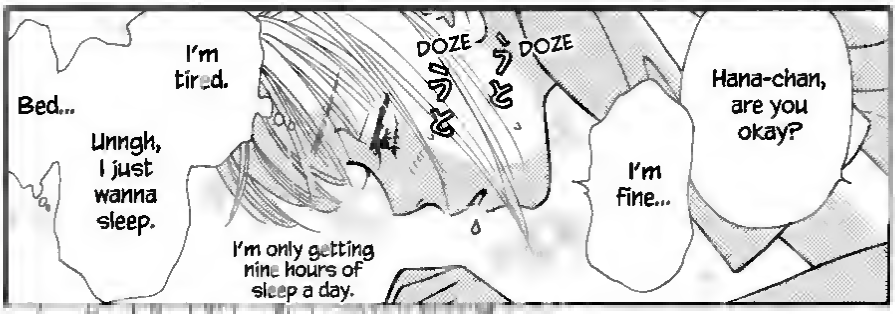
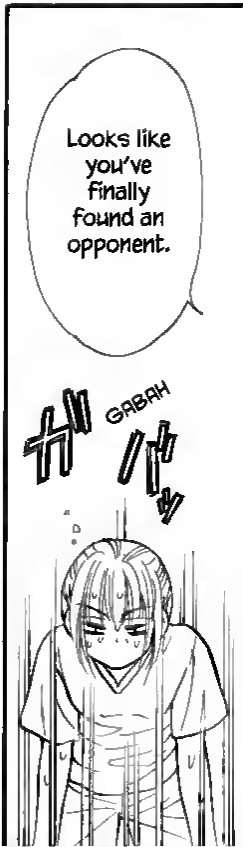

Hana-chan, are you okay?
I'm fine...
DOZE
うと
DOZE
うと
I'm only getting nine hours of sleep a day.
I'm tired.
Bed...
Unngh, I just wanna sleep.

Why? At a time like this!
Yeah.
I hear you're thinking of having a match now?


Looks like you've finally found an opponent.
GABAH
ガバッ

GASP
N-n-n-no, I can't let him get near me now.
R-run away...!
AWAWAWA
Well, all right. I won't go cheer you on, but good luck...
TWANG
But a match is a match!
Both teams are low on members, so it'll be six-on-six, though.
TWITCH
SWOON
Good day.

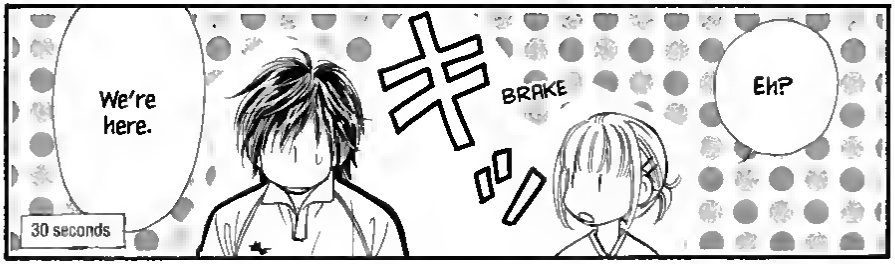
Ah...

This feels good.

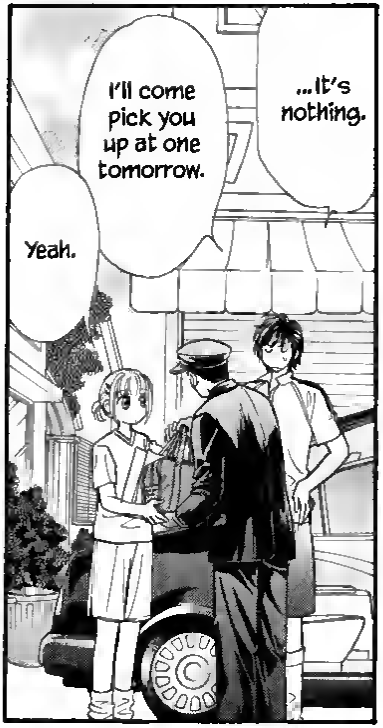
I'm finally in a bed.
I'm so happy...

You really need to fix that habit you have of falling asleep just anywhere.
We thought you were dead.
Oh, you're awake.
Th—
that scared me...
...Well, excuse me for being sleep-deprived.
Whose fault is it I have morning prac-tice..?
I'm taking you home, so you can get some sleep.
Y-yeah.
Drive.
Certainly.
VRRRROOM
.....

You...
Hey, Hana.
...This is kind of uncomfortable.


We're here.
30 seconds
キ
BRAKE
Eh?

Hey, Hana.
ガラ
GARA
Then good-night!


...It's nothing.
I'll come pick you up at one tomorrow.
Yeah.

Good luck.
For tomorrow's match.

Hey! Change your clothes!
Yay! My bed ♡♡
DODODODODODOH
All right, everyone!

Today is our long-awaited first match, and our first victory!
We must win, at all costs
and protect our hockey club to the very end!!
GAPO
Please don't let them find out...
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
B-BMP
Yeah!!
Ah!
WINCE
They found out!?
MURMUR
It's a girl.
They have a girl on their team.
MURMUR

?
MURMUR
MURMUR
Why do they have a girl?
But she's cute... ♡
Even if she is flat...
Is she the manager?
GRIN
GRIN
Natsuki-sempai...
I lose...
TWITCH TWITCH
Hey, Hana.
Please don't let any shots come my way.
Aw, man.

We're going to win.
Izumi-sempai...
PIIIIIIII
KAN
Izumi-sempai.
KAN
Oohh.
This is more of a match than I thought it would be.
I'm impressed with everyone.

Take this!
First shot!
GAH
EH?
10

GASHAAAAN
ガッシャーン
10

YADA
YADA
YADA

Have some.
He lectured us until dark and we couldn't finish the match.
And it looked like we could have had our first victory, too.
Tch.
We did kind of have a match, and it's not like we lost!
But you didn't win. Stop quibbling!
HAUGHTY
ふんぞり!
You will be giving us the hockey field and this room.
Then, as decided, the hockey club will be disbanded.
No.

Suzuki-san, was it?
Don't you hate it when a man doesn't know when to give up?
Eh?
W-well, yes.
We don't play much hockey anyway.
Isn't being the travel club good enough, Izumi-sempai?
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
DOKI
Suzuki!
And I'll never have to go to morning practice again. I would love that~~
Hana-chan.
See? Your club member agrees with me.
...Hana, you
hate the hockey club that much...?
DOKIN
Eh...?
Oh yes, Suzuki-san.

When the hockey club is no more, would you like to join the tennis club?
Just a minute, Brother!
Not here!
You came to see us practice the other day, didn't you?
TWITCH
BLUSH
Th-that was...
It's on!
BASH
Buh!

Then if you lose, the hockey club will disband?
Fine!
Oh, man.
You or me. Whoever Hana chooses wins!
You, too, Oda-kun.
Both of you, cut it out...
Hana-chan?
Quiet!
He trusts Hana-chan.
Why did he have to say that?
Hold on, Brother, calm down.

Hana! Who's better? Him or me!?
I—
I...
can't...!

CRASH
So, so comfy...
HUFF
I knew it would be~~
HUFF
BOING

What are you doing to my little brother!?
Tell me.
What is this flesh?
Hm?
H—
Hey, Hana, stop that!
Well?
P-please forgive me~~
Ah.
What's this, what's this, what's this~~?
Ah.
Aahh!
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT
PAT

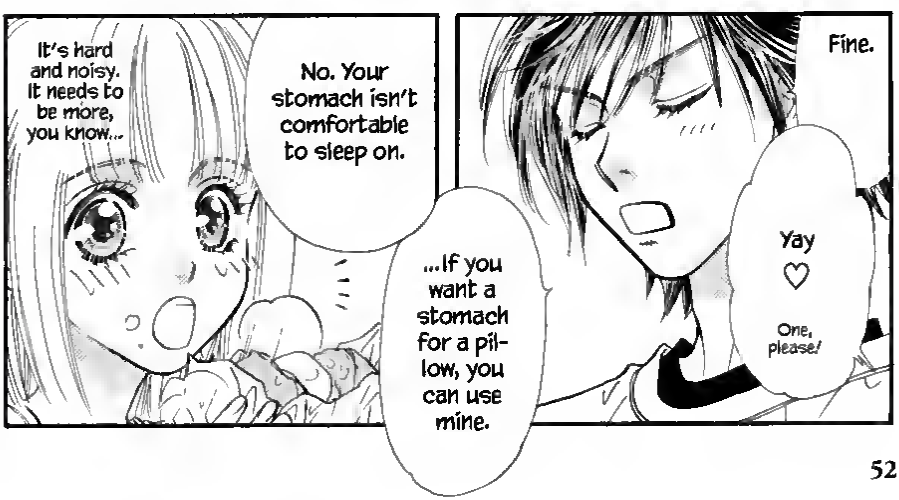
I don't care if you arrest me; I'm going to sleep on this!
TUG
No~~~
You can't do that!
Let go, Hana.
TUG
Let go!!
Sh-she won't come off...!!
TUG

Ah! Why you! Don't be so rough with her!
Help! Police!
ZZZZ
Ungh-gh-gh...
She's asleep.
Ah.

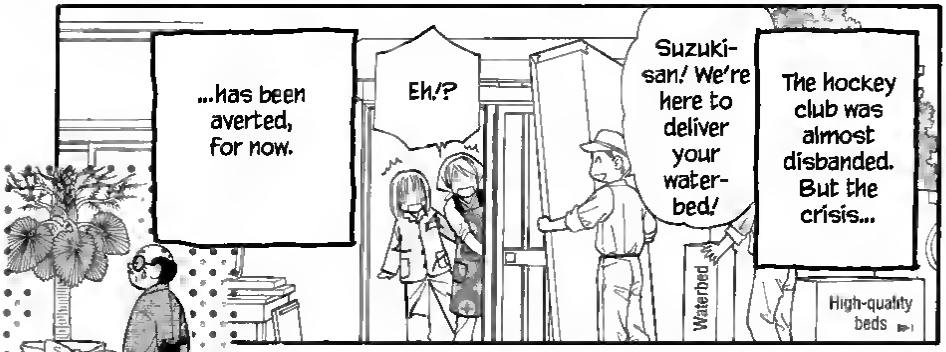
Hokkaido Bussanten
父の日のギフト

It's all good. Thanks to her, our club won't be disbanded.
It was an impressive draw due to injury.
Mixed feelings
Ah! This is good~~
But~~
I couldn't just ask him to let me touch him, so I was holding it in this whole time.

Izumi-sempai, can I have a *jaga*-butter?
SLURP
Aww. But he was such a good stomach pillow.
Hey, Hana. Don't ever do anything like that again.


It's hard and noisy. It needs to be more, you know...
No. Your stomach isn't comfortable to sleep on.
...If you want a stomach for a pillow, you can use mine.
Fine.
Yay ♡
One, please!

Local Delicacy Kokuma
Meso-Ramen
Tokachi
Azuki
amen
Azuki
NANBU


...has been averted, for now.
Eh!?
Suzuki-san! We're here to deliver your water-bed!
The hockey club was almost disbanded. But the crisis...
Waterbed
High-quality beds

The End

Chapter 6: Encounter with the Unknown

GOMA-FU

Oooh! Cherries!
Wow, they look good!
We've got tons of American cherries at home, so I'm sharing.
Help yourself.
Can I have some? Can I have some?
Let's eat!

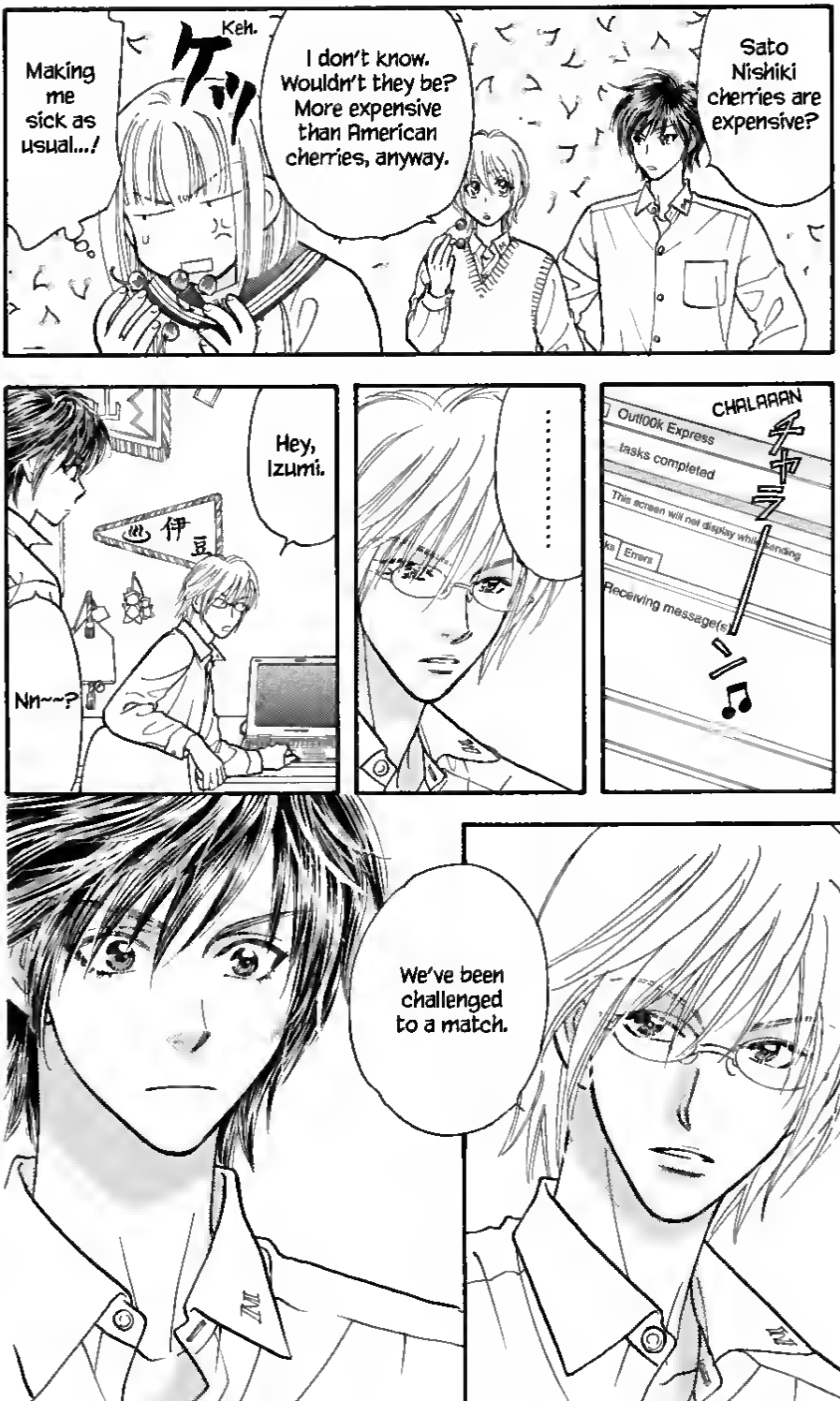
ぽん
POP
ぽく
BITE
Hana-chan, you can eat as many as you like.
Oh, well, it would be such a waste to eat it all at once.
What are you doing?
BITE
ぽく
And again.
Sweeeet
So

DOHN
What are you saying?
Eating all at once
I'm glad you like them.
I'b newer eaden such dewicious chewwies in aww my wife~~
YOINK
BITE
YOINK
BITE
CHERRY

They're the smaller cherries with a brighter color.

If you're really Japanese, it has to be Sato Nishiki cherries!
Satô's time of death?

Those are expensive, so my family could *never* have them.
Darn it.

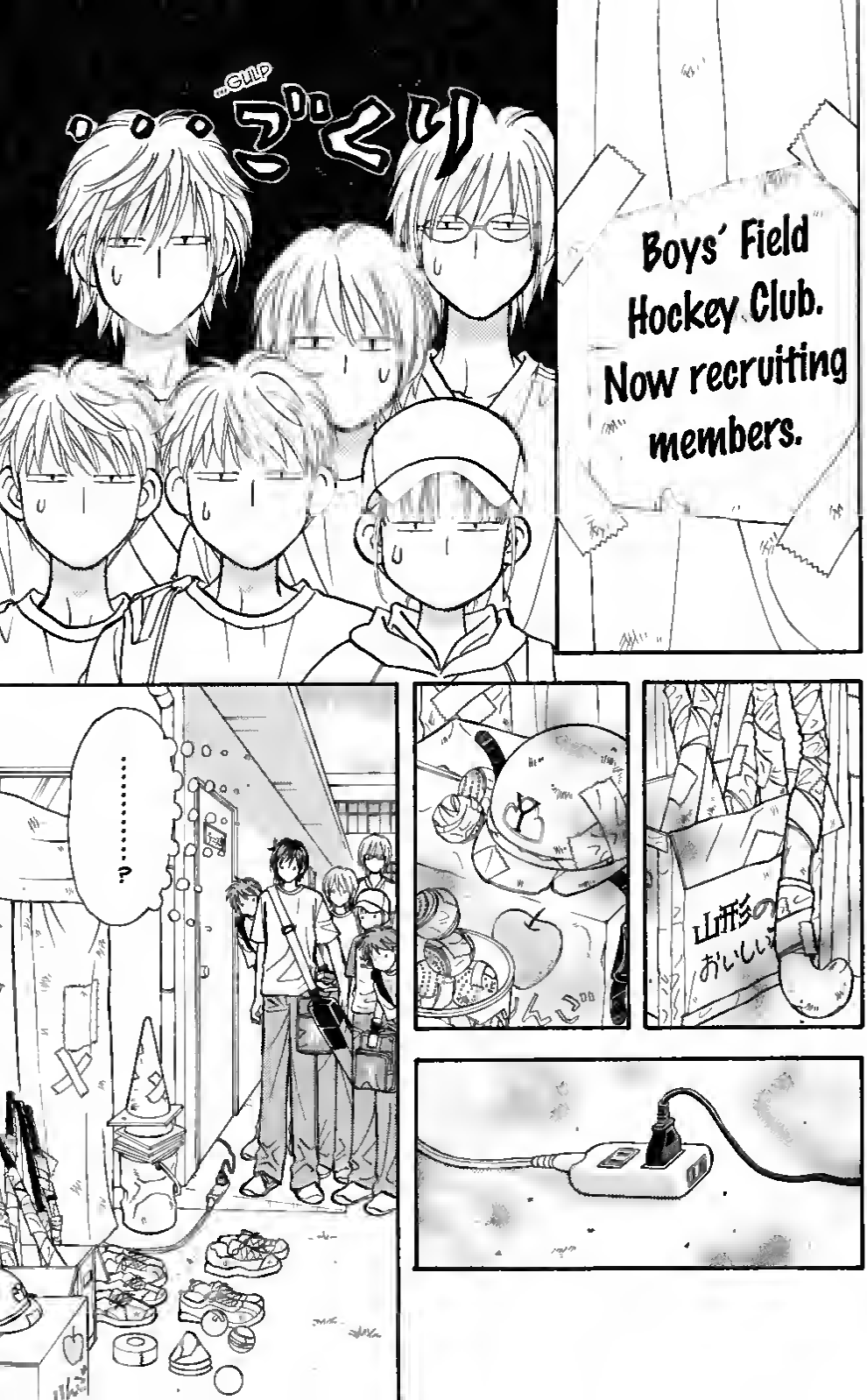

Keh.
Making me sick as usual.../
I don't know. Wouldn't they be? More expensive than American cherries, anyway.
Sato Nishiki cherries are expensive?
Hey, Izumi.
Nn~~?
.....
CHALAAAN
Outlook Express
tasks completed
This screen will not display while sending
Errors
Receiving message(s)
We've been challenged to a match.

That's great. This is a first.
No way! Where!?
Yamagata.
Yamagata...
It's decided, then.
?
Eeeehhh!?

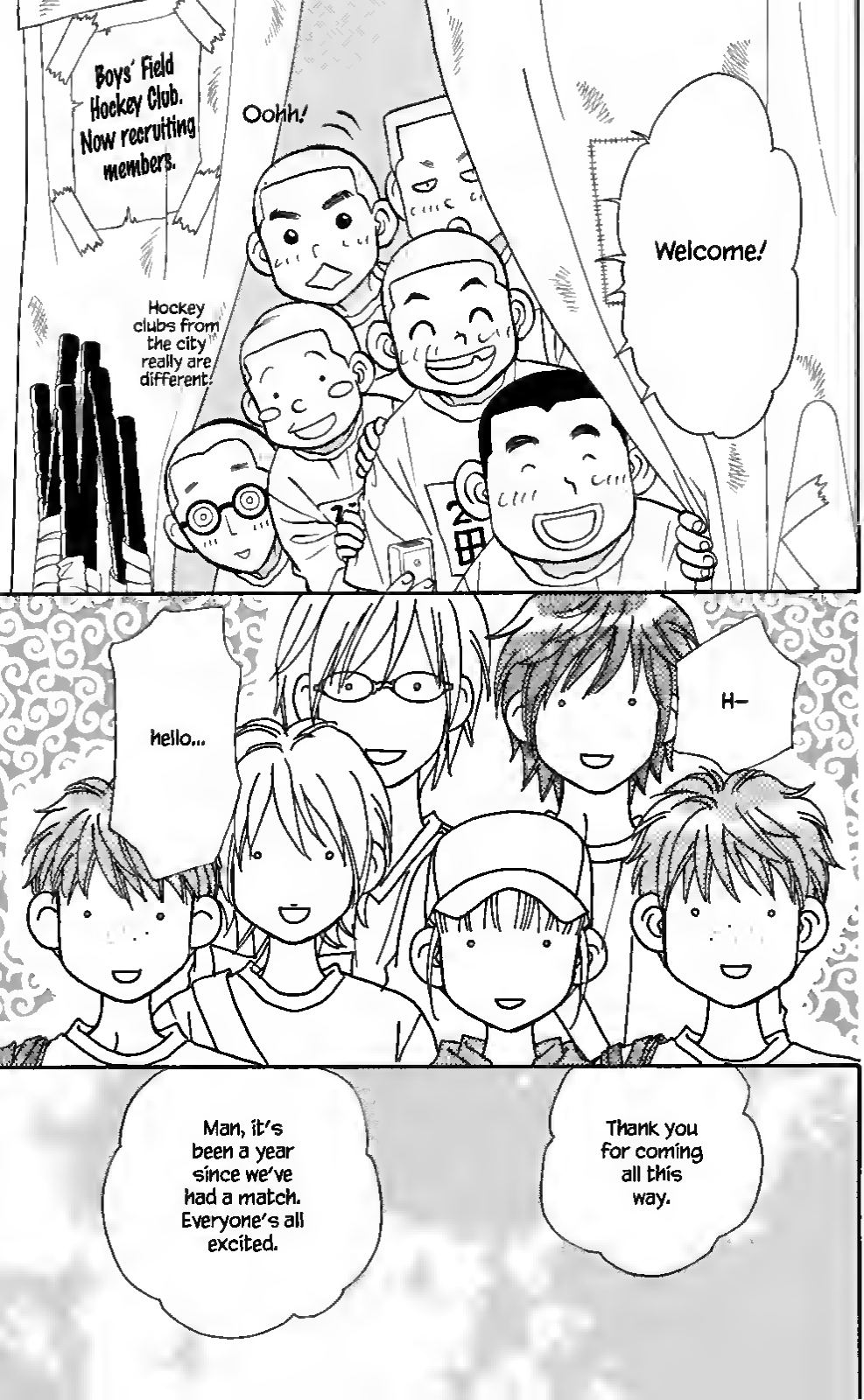
The local delicacy of Yamagata: Sato Nishiki
Our next away game, we'll go cherry picking!!
Yonezawa beef!
Eh!?

Izumi, Hana-chan.
We're almost there.
VRRRRROOM
BRAKE
I'm sorry. I can't eat any more.
Ma'am, I'd like another all-Yonezawa-beef bento...
Come on, wake up!
Wow, this is a nice school.
Their club building is pretty, too.
Let's see, the hockey club's room should be...

I wonder if we passed it.
Huh? We're at the end?
.....
Boys' Field Hockey Club Now recruiting members.
AUSTRALIA


...GULP
ごくり
Boys' Field Hockey Club. Now recruiting members.
.....?
山形の
おいしい

Is it the hockey club again!?
START
SLAM
Electricity thief!!
There aren't enough outlets!
Now, now. Don't be so stingy.
We can have a little.
I keep telling you—don't use our electricity without asking!
DUMBFOUNDED
Ah.
Captain, the electricity's been cut off~~
I guess we'll just have to get a long cord and use the baseball club's power.


Boys' Field Hockey Club. Now recruiting members.
Oohh!
Welcome!
Hockey clubs from the city really are different.
Hello...
H-
Man, it's been a year since we've had a match. Everyone's all excited.
Thank you for coming all this way.

Ah.
FLINCH
BORON
Really?
It really is great to be able to play, ain't it?
Our hearts are pounding, too...

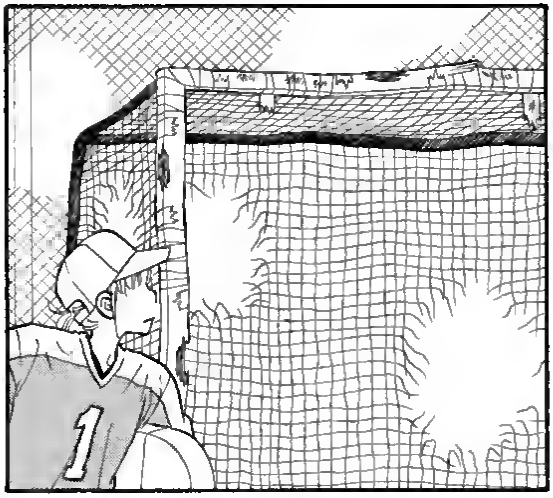
D-duct tape!?
You're gonna keep repairing it!?
Coming!
Hey, get the duct tape.
No problem, no problem.
2-C

We have to take care of the equipment we have.
And when you keep repairing it like this, you really feel attached to it.
We're a puny club that doesn't have enough members, so we don't get a club room or a budget.
2-C
Tanaka

I guess thrift and frugality are the basics of being Japanese, after all.
See? All done.
2-C Tanaka
That's wonderful...!!
We're impressed...!!!
Uh, is it really going to be okay...!?
R-really?
Clearly it would be better to buy a new one in this situation!
BASHFUL
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI
What'll I do?
I have a bad feeling about this...
Momo
Momotaro
Momo
2-C Tanaka

Eh? Are you sure!?
Trade
Card-board is pretty useful, huh?
Oooohhh, awesome!!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
Th-then I'll draw a logo on it, free of charge
Ehime
Potatoes
Honey Apple
What do you think, Hana!?
Hana!
Goodie!
MEIRINKAN
10
My heart grows heavy.

Trade...
Absolutely not!
HEIRINKA



Today was going to be our first victory for sure, wasn't it?
Ah!
Hey, that's enough. Let's practice. Practice!

STALK
スタ
STALK
スタ
What are you saying? I'm gonna play a match!
I just got brand-new shin guards!
Let's forget the match and go pick cherries.
I'm leaving.
HEIRINKA

TURN
くるっ
Hana?

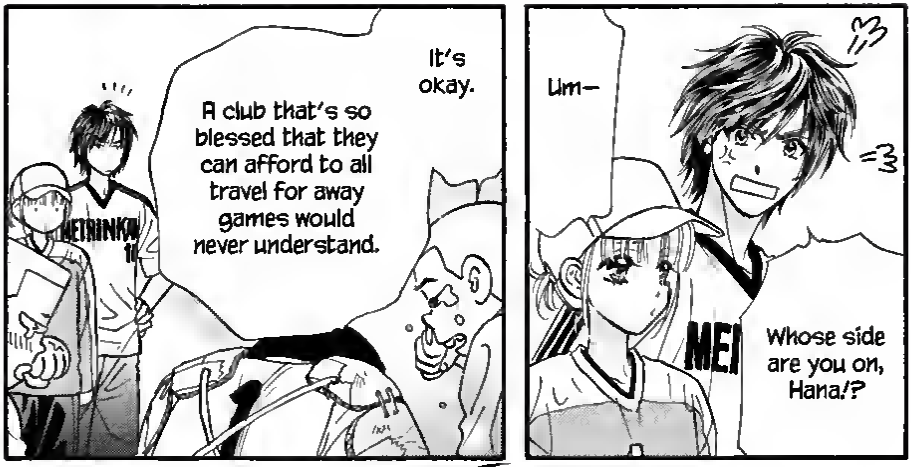
But this thing's falling apart!
And how would you fix a goal with duct tape anyway? It would definitely fall on me and kill me!
Even if we put duct tape on it, it'd fall down if someone passed gas!
Their captain was saying it would be fine.
But please buy me some new ones.
Gloves are okay!
Your gloves are fixed with duct tape, aren't they?
I have to fix things with duct tape more often, so I know better than you, Izumi-sempai!!
Come on. Let's go, Hana.
Let's start the match!

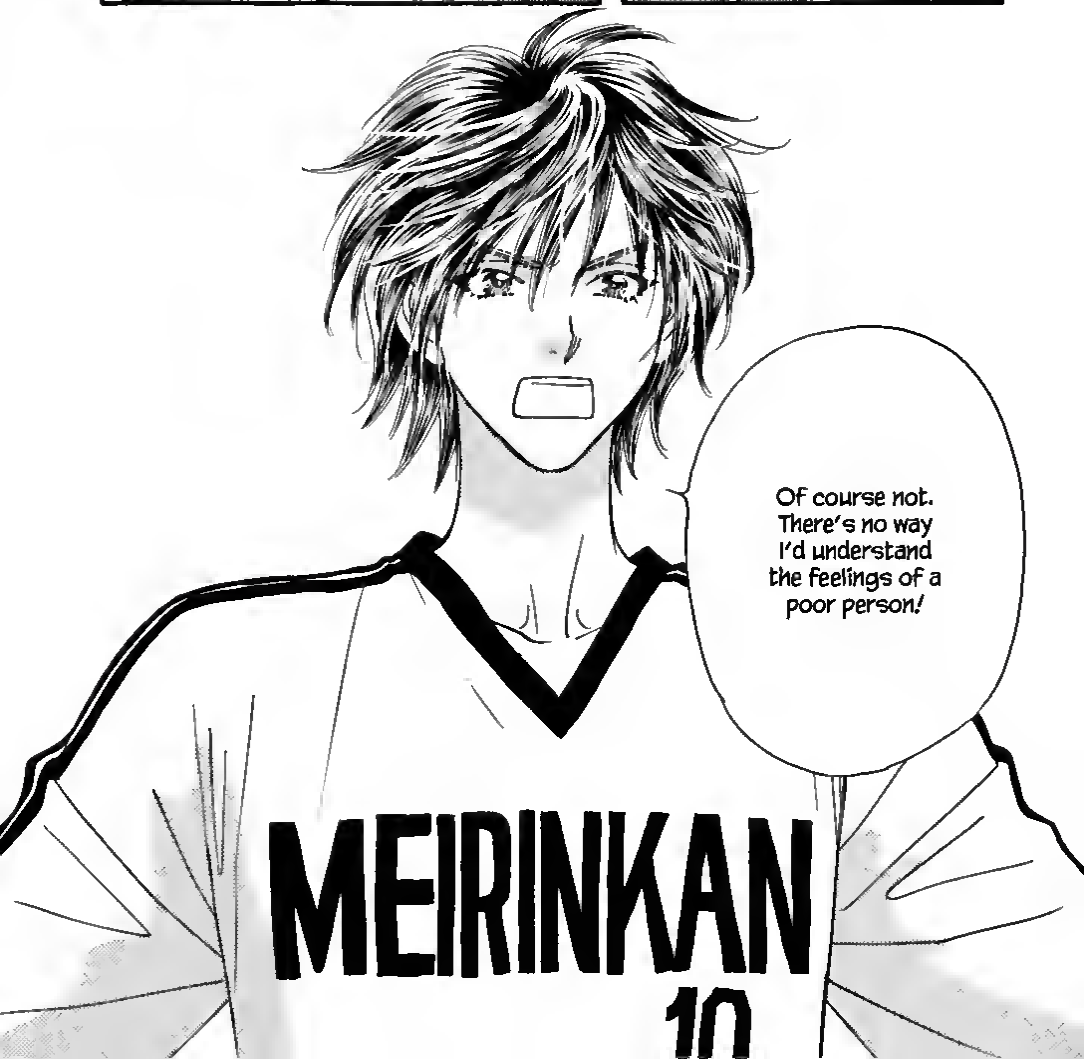
Ah
あ
You have to take good care of things.
Man, Hana, you're such a worrier.
The owner says it's okay, so it's okay.
は Ha
は Ha
は Ha
は Ha
WHOOSH

GAH
MEIRINKAN
2
MEIRINKAN
10
I-I'm sorry. I'm so sorry!
I...
I'm fi...
SAG
Are you okay!?
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
Izumi!!
DRIP
DRIP
10

I told him...
BATAAAAN
バターン
Hana.
.....
We didn't get to finish again.
Man.
Awww.
Yay! Sato Nishiki!
Let's go pick cherries.
MEIRINKAN
STALK
STALK

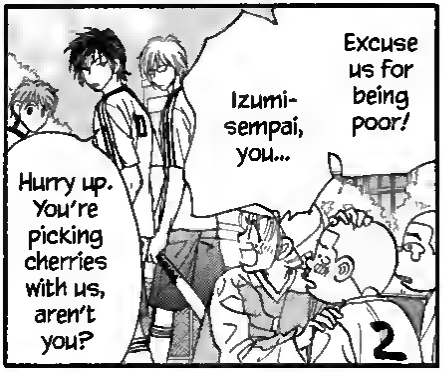
We'll fix the goal right away!
Pl- please wait!
Don't bother! My life is more important than thrift and frugality!
It's our first match in a year! Please don't go!
If you have that kind of money, buy new sticks!!
And we don't have the money to travel for away games.
Is that why you asked us?
I don't blame 'em!!
Please! None of the places nearby will play against us!
I wouldn't say that...
Who cares! Hana and I were almost killed!
Yeah.
...I kind of feel sorry for them.
I'm sorry, everyone. I'm so worthless.
I worked so hard to get into a school with a hockey club...
It's not your fault, Captain...!


It's okay.
A club that's so blessed that they can afford to all travel for away games would never understand.
Um—
Whose side are you on, Hana!?


Of course not. There's no way I'd understand the feelings of a poor person!
MEIRINKAN
10

Izumi, even if you think those things, you shouldn't say them.
I'm not sure what that says about you as a person.
Wow, you're the worst!
How mean!
Yeah.
Hmph.
Waaaaahh!
やっぱ
MEIRINKAN

FILE
FILE
Sato Nishiki!
Yay
♡


Excuse us for being poor!
Izumi-sempai, you...
Hurry up. You're picking cherries with us, aren't you?

If you're picking cherries, we can show you a good place not many people know about...
Uh...
Um...
MEIRINKAN

In exchange, you will do as I say!
All right, it's a deal!
But please have a match with us.
GACHA
ガチャ
トゥルルル
RRRRRING
Eh...?
"As you say"...?
Send me a complete set of hockey equipment right away.

We have a delivery for an Oda-sama!
Cherry Shipping
Sorry to keep you waiting!
ちょ!!

Aahh!
Ah...!
Tanaka
My eyes...
I'm blind...!!
NISSON

If you want to play with us, use these!
Like hell I'd risk my life just to play a match.

With this, the nearby schools'll play you, too.
Be a man and throw away your old stuff.
STARE

C...
can we?
GULP...
Really...!?
2-A
Ide
2
Tanak

Izumi-sempai...
Thank you...!
I'm looking forward to that place you mentioned.
MERIN
1
PINK

Oh, I forgot.
Hey, hey, Izumi-sempai. What about my gloves?
Wow, Izumi-sempai.
Oh! It's been so long since I've smelled the aroma of new equipment!
This ball is the most expensive one in the catalog.
Eeehh!?
Does it matter? They wouldn't really put anyone's life in danger.
Sigh. It really is nice unloading new equipment.
You're right. Then for now, we'll carefully lock it away!
But it's too good to use!
Even though he was saying those things earlier...
You do come in handy sometimes.
1

Well then.
STICK
STICK
Don't fix anything!!
2-C
Tanaka
Now go get it and line up!
Weren't you listening to me!?
Why do you think I bought it!?
B-but I get so scared when I think we might hurt the new equipment...
I don't care! Just hurry and get it out of its wrapping!!
Eehh!?

Roger!
Hey, guys.
Me neither...!
I can't. I just can't. It's too dreadful...!
MEIRINKAN
10
11
RIIIIP
NO!
Please, stop...!
RIP
Ah!
Aahh, stop...!
RIP
RIP
RIP

Ugh, poor people are so much work!
Ah! I think I just did!
I-I'm so nervous I think I'm gonna pee myself...
10
2-B
Tan

STALK
スタ
?
STALK
スタ
10

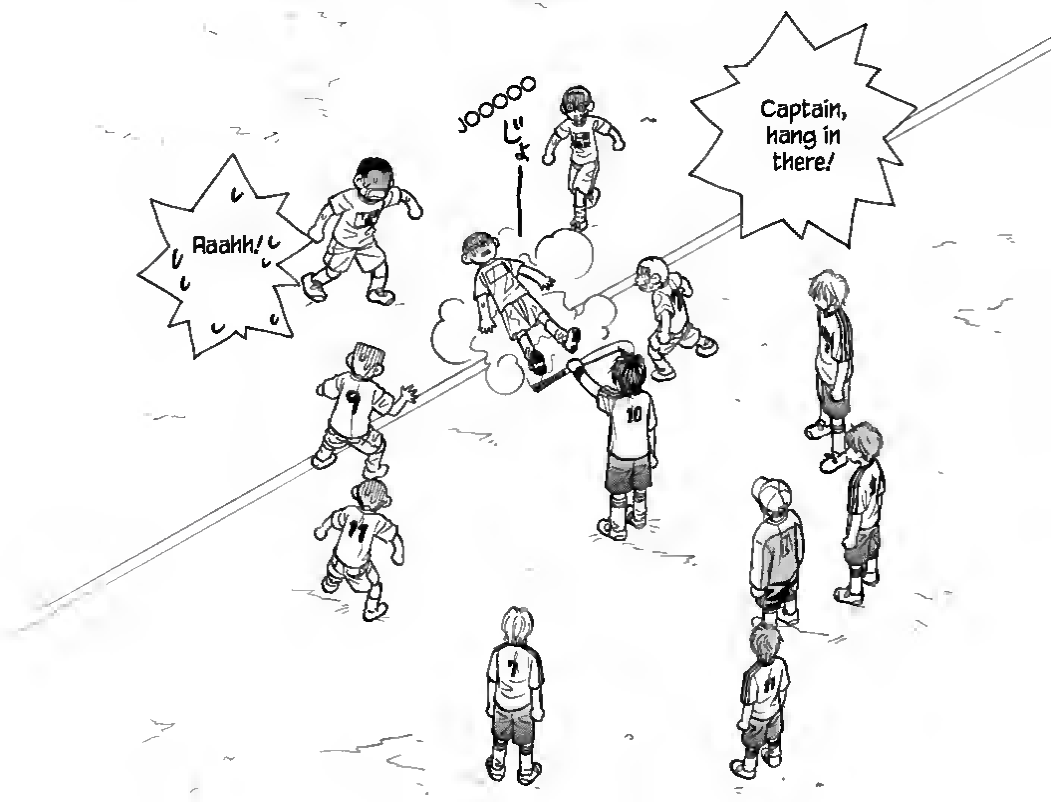
?
Y-yes sir.

Let me see that.

GONG
MERINO
MERINO

MARCH
MARCH
MEIRINKAN
10
There.
Now it's used; you can use it more easily.
Riz

Captain!
BATAAAAN
1-B
Azuma
2-B
Yamada


Raahh!
JOOOOO
Captain, hang in there!

Ugh, we didn't get to hear about the good place because Izumi-sempai did all that stuff.
Hmm.
Well, it's complicated.
Ooh, there's a lot here!
Poor people don't make any sense!!
It's not my fault!
Izumi-sempai, these Sato Nishiki are really good!
He said he couldn't use it if it's new; I was just helping out! Why did he faint!?

Sweeeet
So
BITE
You don't get sick of these as fast as American cherries.
I'm glad you like them.
GOBBLE
GOBBLE
Nasuki-shempai, Hato Nikiki weawwy awe good

What are you doing, Izumi-sempai?
You can eat as much as you want in the orchard, so don't waste time zoning out!
I can just buy some before I go home. Don't act so poor.
Don't act so spoiled!
Ouch!
Buy some before you go home!?
Then what's the point in even coming to pick cherries!?
Using the price of admission into the orchard to eat even one more cherry before going home is the basics of picking!!

Hana-chan...
You don't get it!!
Ugh, this is why I hate spoiled rich boys!
KIRI
キリ
Come on, Izumi-sempai.
Don't just stand around; let's go.
Yeah!
He who eats most wins!
はぷ
BITE
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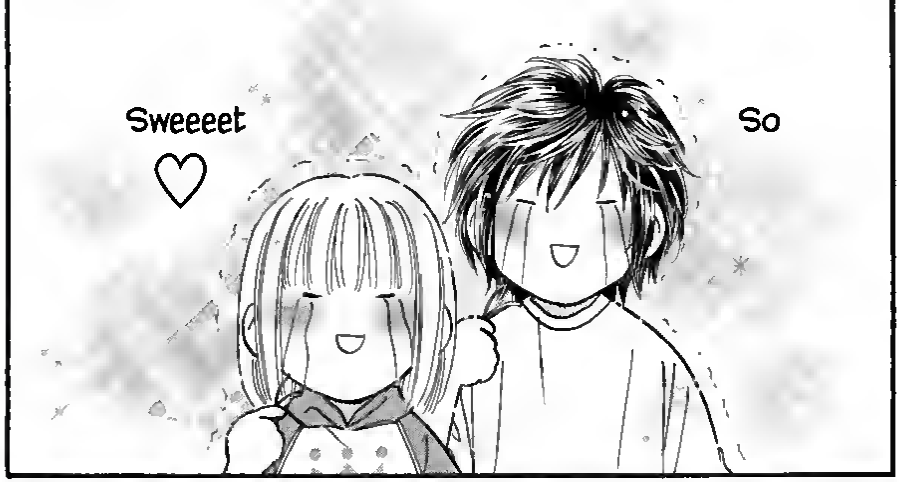

Sweeeet
So

Up here?
DROOOOOL
NOD NOD

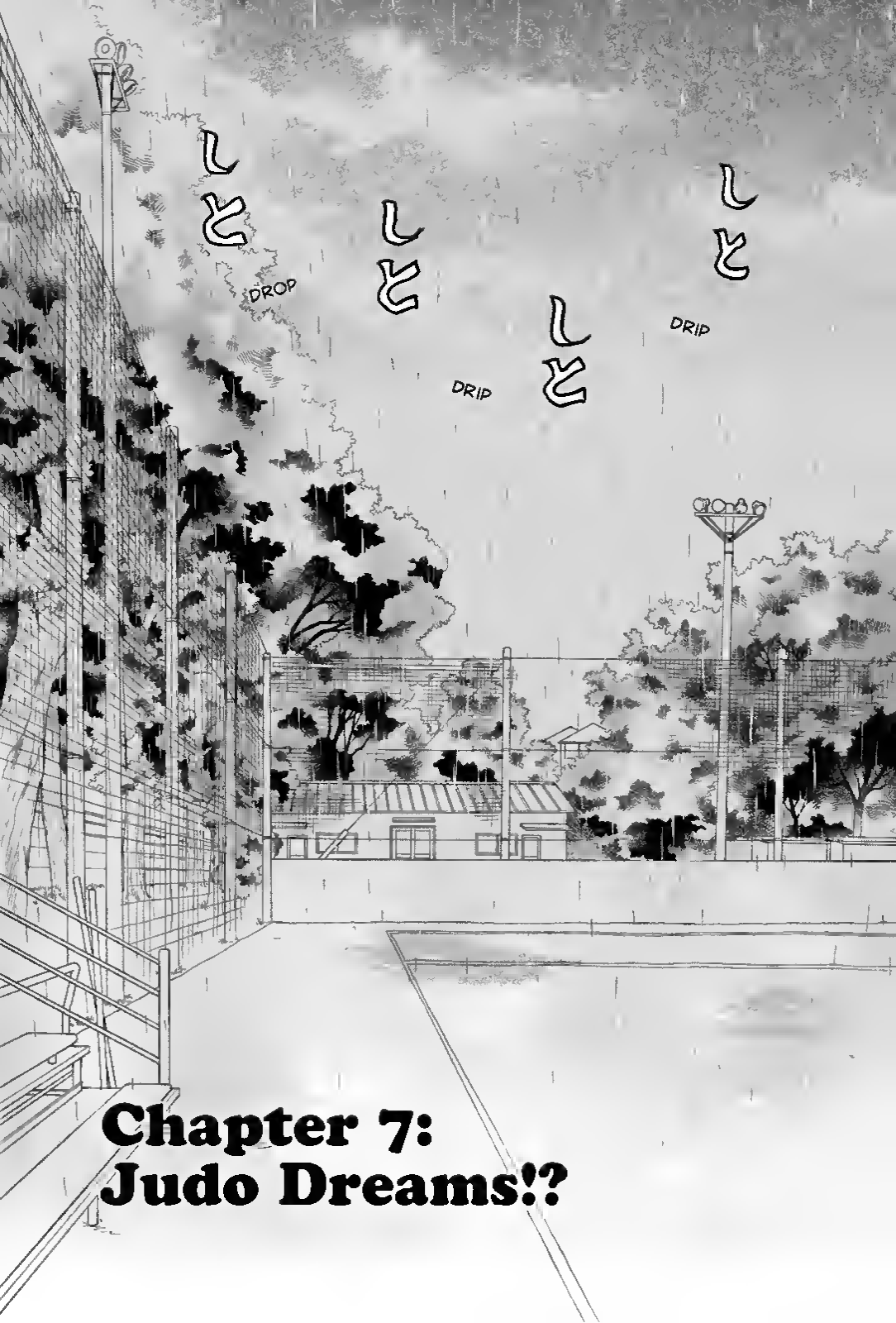
No fair, Izumi-sempai!
The ones up top look yummier. There's lots left~~

Man, you're hopeless.
You are too immature!!
CLAP CLAP
Fine. I'll go get a step-ladder!

YOINK
YOINK
BITE
BITE
Aaaaaaugh!

YOINK
ひょい
Here.

Ah!
SLIP
WHACK!
Augh!
GYAAAHH!
THUD
Hana-chan, are you okay!?
Izumi!!
On the way home, he bought me some Sato Nishiki for 500 yen a cherry.*
*$5
But I was so nervous, I couldn't really taste them.
The End



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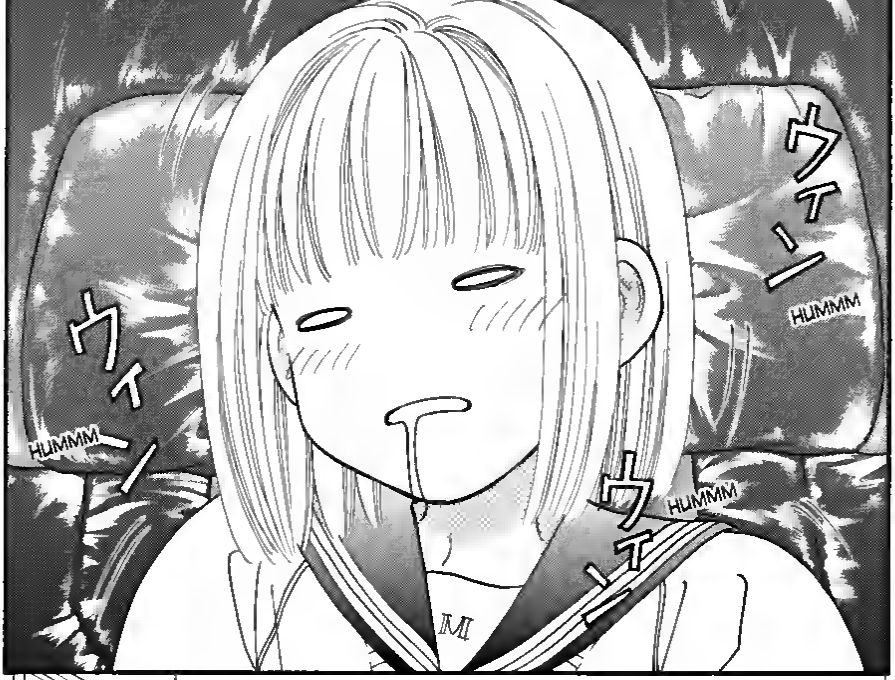

ウィーン
HUMMM
ウィーン
HUMMM
ウィーン
HUMMM

LAZY
だら
LAZY
だら
LAZY
だら
おへー
SIIIIIGH
HUM
ウィン
HUM
ウィン
HUM
ウィン
BOP
ピッ
BEEP

GATAN
Should I get out the Furano milk pudding and double-fromage cheesecake?
Aww, we're out of Shiomi manju.
PERK
BSSSSHHHHH
Both ♡
Which would you like, Hana-chan?
DROOL
Furano MILK

When I'm done reading...
Judo Dreams
KCSP 491
Yum...!
What is this!!?
Would you like some, Izumi?
I want some uni.
Some nama-uni from Rebunto.
Mmm, Hokkaido food really is delicious!
Then maybe next time I'll order some nama-uni.
MUNCH
MUNCH
That manga is definitely addictive.
He's completely engrossed in it...
Like a little kid.

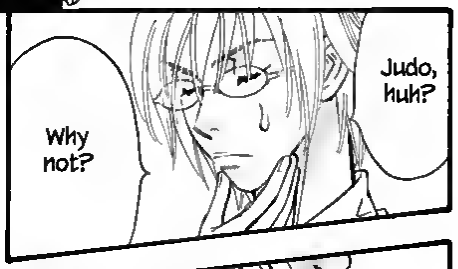
PATAN
ゲー
Aaahh, that was good. ♡
BELCH
やたー!!
Yaaaay!!
Unidon ♡
It's all gone...
Awww.
BAH
ばん
Wha...
What are you doing?
Out of nowhere!
PINCH
むにに

Hana, you've
gotten fatter.
SHOCK
SHOCK
When I look down, there's fat in the way.
N...now that you mention it...
Because you sleep after eating.
Even seals get thinner when it gets warm out, normally.
MUKA

Heh.
What is that about?
Aahh! My abs!
They're hiding!
Look who's talking, Izumi-sempai.
むにっ
PINCH
...Now that you mention it,
maybe it's my imagination, but everyone looks rounder...
I thought it was because of the massage chair, but I guess not.
I have been thinking that the club room is more crowded recently.
Well, we haven't practiced or anything, since it's been raining so much lately.

Ah
ha
ha
ha
ha
あはははは
Good one!
It's not funny!
Would you please stop it with the puns...!!
At this rate, instead of the Hockey Club, we'll be the Chub Club!
Eh?
I've already decided on one.
Is there some exercise we can do inside?
But we can't use the field.
Starting today, we're doing honest club activities!
No more lying around just because it's the rainy season.
I want to do the *Jigoku-guruma!*

Ji...?
"Jigoku-guruma" ...?
It's a certain kill move in the manga he was just reading.
Certain...!?

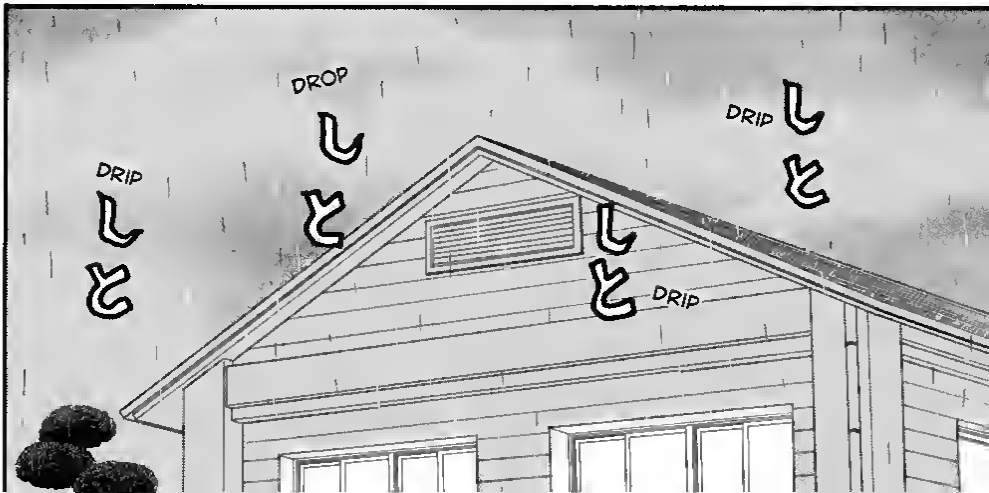

Judo, huh?
Why not?

Eh? J-just a!
Judo!?

Ooh, ooh, ooh! I wanna do it, too!
I'm in!

All right, it's settled! Starting today and for the time being, the Hockey Club will be the Judo Club!
Eeeeeehhh!?
Waaaahh!
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI
PACHI

Then, without delay...
Eh...?
M
NOOOOOOO!
Come on, hold still. Stop strug-gling.
Hey, hold her down there.
No! Stop!
Someone get me a rubber band!
Wh-what...?
Yah!


DRIP
DROP
DRIP
DRIP

Shaaaa!
Uraaaahh!
Take that!
The girls are intense as usual today.
We'll have to work hard, too...
Whoa!
WHAM
Doryah!

What's that noise...?
?
ガラン
RUMBLE
ズル
DRAG
ゴロン
CLATTER
KAPOW
ガコー
DRAAAAG
BAP
ガコッ
We are in your hands!
ZEHH ZEHH
ゼ" ゼ"

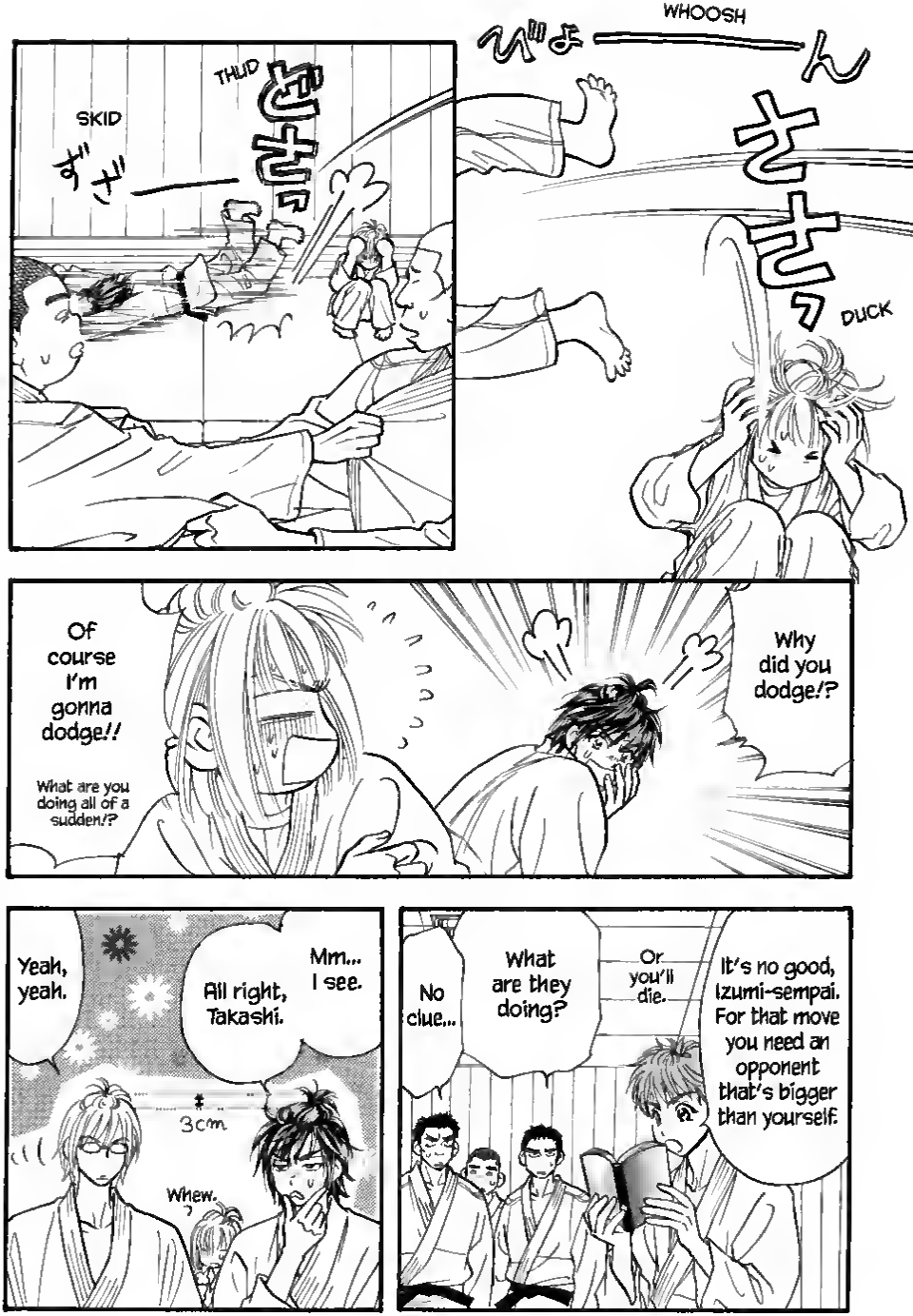
W-would you quit going into things image-first already...?
Are you okay, Hana-chan?
Tying my hair up in a rubber band—this'll be a pain to get out. This is why I hate boys...!
Iron
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
?
Which of you is the captain?
I-I am...
I guess...
!
Wh-what's going on...?
Why is the Hockey Club...
wearing iron geta...?
MURMUR
MURMUR

Wha?
The Hockey Club is going to be the Judo Club during the rainy season, so we'd like you to give us a place to practice.
Uh, um.
I don't really understand...
We have a tournament coming up, and this is an important time for us to train, so I'm sorry, but...
Wh-why not, Kuruma-kun? We can give them a little corner.
Th-that's right. Don't be so stingy.
WHAM!
Please, go ahead.
Will this area do?
We're sorry it's so small.
Uh, um, just a...

We can't go against the girls!
Please excuse me...
It's nothing...
No, nothing...
Nn?
What?
SHOVE
Don't be shy!
All right.
If you ever need anything, please just ask.

Thank you.
SWOON
あぅん

So the Field Hockey Club, now the Judo Club, will begin practice!
Yes, please!
Let's go, Hana!
POINT
Huh?
Eh!? Just a...
Deyaaah!
DAH


WHOOSH
びゅ——ん
THUD
SKID
ずざ——
DUCK
Why did you dodge!?
Of course I'm gonna dodge!!
What are you doing all of a sudden!?
Yeah, yeah.
All right, Takashi.
Mm... I see.
3cm
Whew.
No clue...
What are they doing?
Or you'll die.
It's no good, Izumi-sempai. For that move you need an opponent that's bigger than yourself.

GASHI
カ!!
Here I come!
Yeah!
That's...!
Ah!
GAH

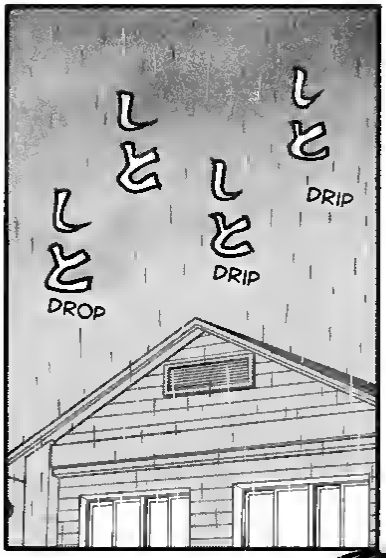
DOBEH!
SILENCE
Nngh-gh-gh-gh...
Huh?
What's wrong? We're supposed to roll around on the ground here.
You won't even budge...
That's weird...
It's really just impossible, don't you think...?
You're heavy.

You take the ankles and bring them to the thigh...
In the drama I saw on SkyPerfect, it was like this...
I don't want to see you getting stuck in that position, so please stop.
Oh yeah!
GAH!!
My body's bigger than yours, too, so I know it'll be okay!
Eh?
be your partner?
Should I

I-I'm sorry.
In terms of weight, I'm bigger, too!
Well I'm the only one bigger than Oda-kun, aren't I?
Ah! No fair, Sempai!
I appreciate your sentiments, but...
We may be the Judo Club, but we can't use our moves on girls.
TWARRRRNG
ギュラララン

WINCE
.....
Oda-kun...!
Quiet. I felt my life was in danger!
Shh!
What's that supposed to mean? You tried using a move on me!
What's with that girl?
Why is there only one girl?
But that hair's in a rubber band, isn't it? That can't be a girl.
And Oda-kun tried a move on her, so wouldn't that mean she doesn't count as a girl?
That's not your bust, that's your chest measurement.
I win! B 105cm*
SNIGGER
And she has no bust.
*41 inches
...Certain kill moves, huh...?

Hey guys, don't be getting any weird ideas.
That'd be great, doing a certain kill move...
I saw it once on "100 Most Memorable Drama Scenes" and always wanted to try it.
I read my dad's prized manga and loved it...
Come to think of it, I started judo because I wanted to try the Jigoku-guruma...
Hmmm
This year we're bringing back the Kinshûki for sure!
Yeah!
This is harder than I thought. Maybe we should look at the manga again for research.
Come on, let's get practicing.
There's no time to play around.
We know. That's just in manga and on TV.
You're lowering our morale, so could I have you leave after all?
LAZY
だら
This tatami feels good...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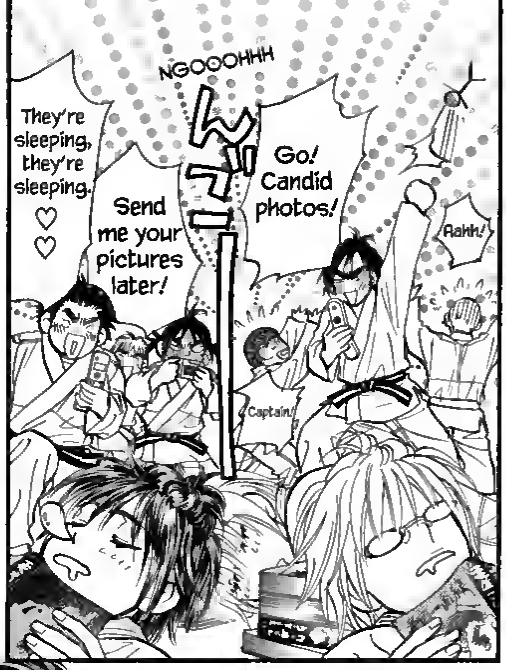
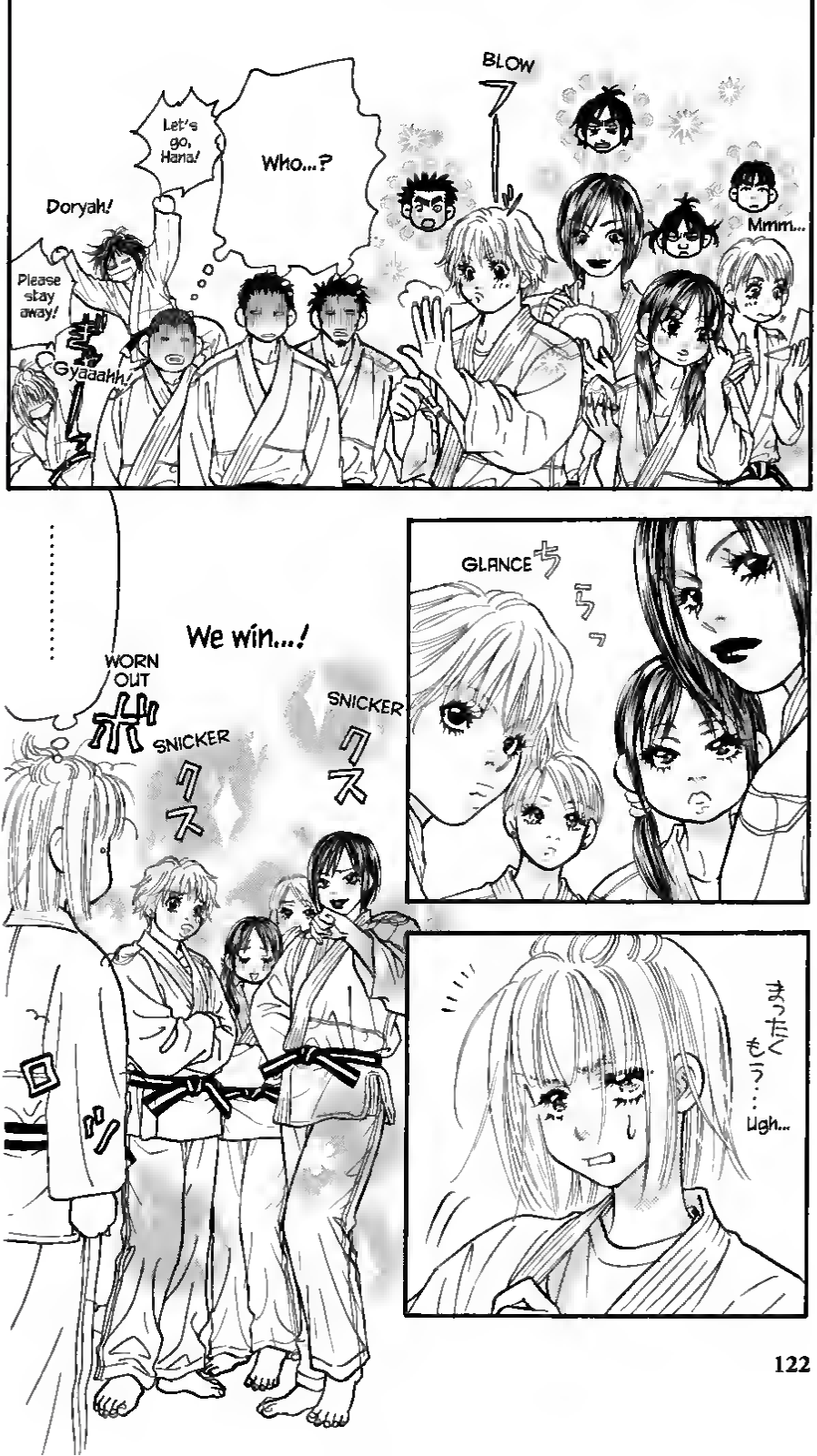

NGOOOHHH
They're sleeping, they're sleeping. ♡ ♡
Send me your pictures later!
Go! Candid photos!
Rahh!
Captain!


BLOW
Let's go, Hana!
Who...?
Doryah!
Please stay away!
Gyaaahh!
Mmm...
GLANCE
We win...!
WORN OUT
SNICKER
SNICKER
まったく もう…
Ugh...

That hurts.
POTEH
Take that.
Kyan
I'm tired...
I'm just gonna sleep. This is a pain...
GLANCE
GLANCE
No good, huh...?
ZZZZ
Tch.
Oohh! Izumi-sempai, just a little more!!
Hn!
Uryah!

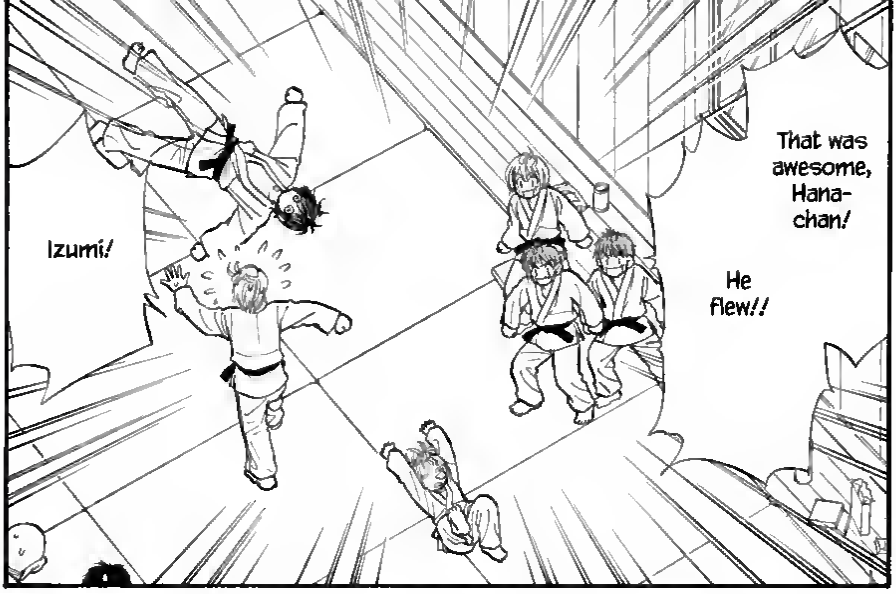
.....
Are you okay? I have some glue.
Awww! One of my fake nails came off.
B-BMP
B-BMP
It's like there are girls here...
Their charm...
It's...
it's kinda nice like this...
Ah.
Uryah!
All right! One more time, Takashi!
Bring it on, Izumi!

KA-THUD
I-Izumi!?
Hana-chan!
WHOOSH
Time out.
Who left this manga here? It's dangerous.
GROPE
H-Hana!?
You okay!?
GABAH
FLINCH
...GLARRANCE

What's wrong?
?
I'm saved...!
SNORE
Zzz
.....
Iz-
Izumi...!
She's gotten fat so there's no difference anymore!
I was afraid that if she'd been awake I would have been killed for sure this time!
Oh, I thought I'd touched her breast again, but it was her stomach!
TWITCH
GAH

KICK!
Ha-Hana!
Time out!
Wait...!
.....!
WAAAAHH!

Th
.....
THUD


That was awesome, Hana-chan!
He flew!!
Izumi!

...Ha
Are you okay, Izumi!?

Hana,
you...

カッ!!
Can do it! Just now!! That was a certain kill move!
GASH!
ぽんっ
POP
You did it! You're amazing, Hana!
しっ

You're the best!!
GOH
GYAAAAHH!

Whaaa!?
Hit me, Hana!
Izumi-sempai, you pervert!!
N-no, stay away from me!
H-Hana-chan, calm down!
Do it again! Do it again, Hana!
Wh-what are you doing?
Pervert!
.....
ふきふき
WIPE
WIPE
ブシュー
BSSSHHH
ぐりぐり
WIPE
WIPE
ごしごし
RUB
RUB

BOOM
Eep!

KIRI!
Oda-kun!

Ha-Hana Suzuki...
What's your name!?
Wha?
Let us have this girl!

A woman really does have to be strong!
You can't do anything wearing fake nails!
That overhead throw was incredible.
We had almost forgotten what's really important...!

Let's master the gentle way together!
Just a...!
Ah! No, I said don't touch me, Izumi-sempai!
We're through being the Judo Club!
FILE
FILE
Aw, man, it's over already?
Ah! Thief!
Wait a minute!
No! I found her first!
BAH

They're getting away!!
どかーん
WHAAAAAM!
Out of the way!
NOOOOOO!

They're even scarier than before...
うおおお
WHOOOOOOAAA!
Don't let them escape! After them!
Stop!

As the rainy season came to a close,
the Judo Club went back to being the Hockey Club.
カ
No!
Let go of Suzuki-san!
KARA
ラ
No!
I-Izumi-sempai, put me down!

The End

Chapter 8: Let's Go to Training Camp!

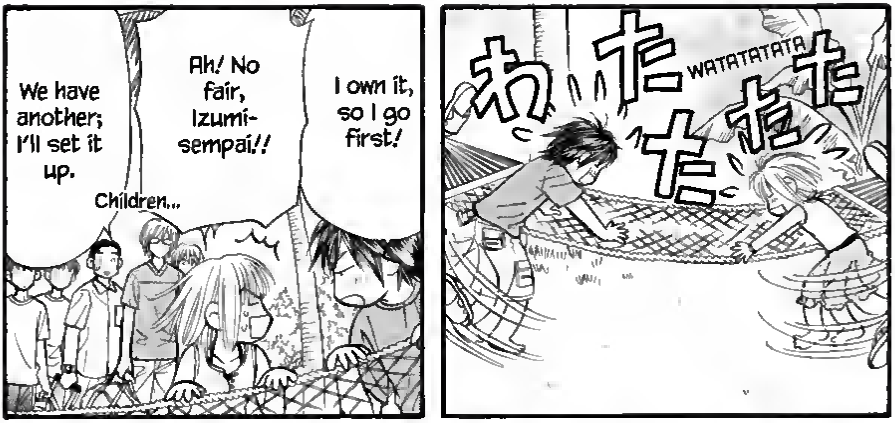
Yay!
Yay!
Report Card
It's finally summer vacation. ♡
Sounds awful. Good luck. ♡
I'll call you later!
Well, I'm off!
Lucky. I have club activities every day.
Because starting tomorrow, I can sleep as much as I want!
You seem happy.
Aw, man!
Hey, Hana!

Lucky...
Eh!? Just a...!
We're having a meeting.
STALK
STALK
STALK
Summer vacation means training camp, of course!
Training camp!?

Okinawa.
Have you decided where we're going?
No! I'd decided I was going to sleep during summer vacation!
Making me sick...!
What's with these people!?
Recently, we've been going overseas for all our summer vacations.
Okinawa, huh? We haven't been there in forever.
But it does have a tennis court.
It doesn't have a hockey field, though.
Because we just bought a summer home on a private island in Okinawa.
PERK
Blue Seal ice cream!
I'd like to try a *goya* burger.
No, *sôki soba*.
We'll have to have some Ishigaki beef.

KIIIIIIIIIN
It'll be nice to nap in a hammock.
Yeah.
I'll get a double chin again...
...No, no! I finally got back to my normal weight!
...Ha
hammock...?

ZAZAZAZAZAH
It's been my dream to take a nap in a hammock. ♡
I see it.
Is that it?

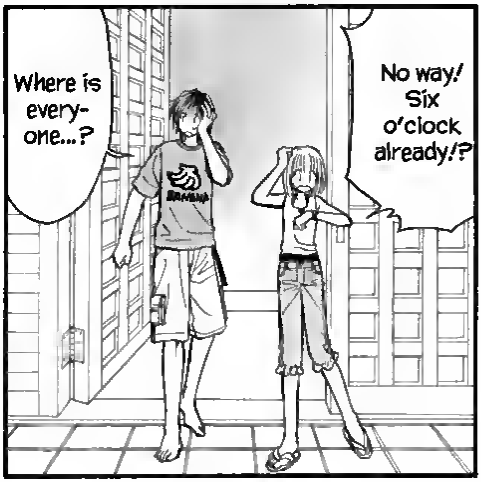

I own it, so I go first!
Ah! No fair, Izumi-sempai!!
We have another; I'll set it up.
Children...
わったたたた
WATATATATA

至福
Bliss

I love Okinawa.
I'm glad I pushed myself to wake up early to come here.

We had the manager take us out on a boat to the next island so we could ride the water buffalo. You wouldn't wake up no matter how hard we tried, so we went without you. We'll be back by this evening.

Lunch is in the refrigerator, so please eat it when you've woken up. We'll buy some Ishigaki beef for dinner.



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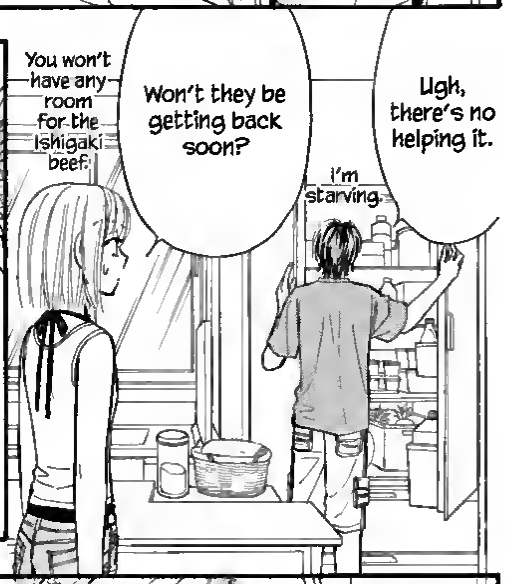
Goya, beni-imo, and sugarcane.
Give me all of them!
There's pineapple and Blue Seal ice cream, too.


You won't have any room for the Ishigaki beef.
Won't they be getting back soon?
Ugh, there's no helping it.
I'm starving.

HOOOOWWWL

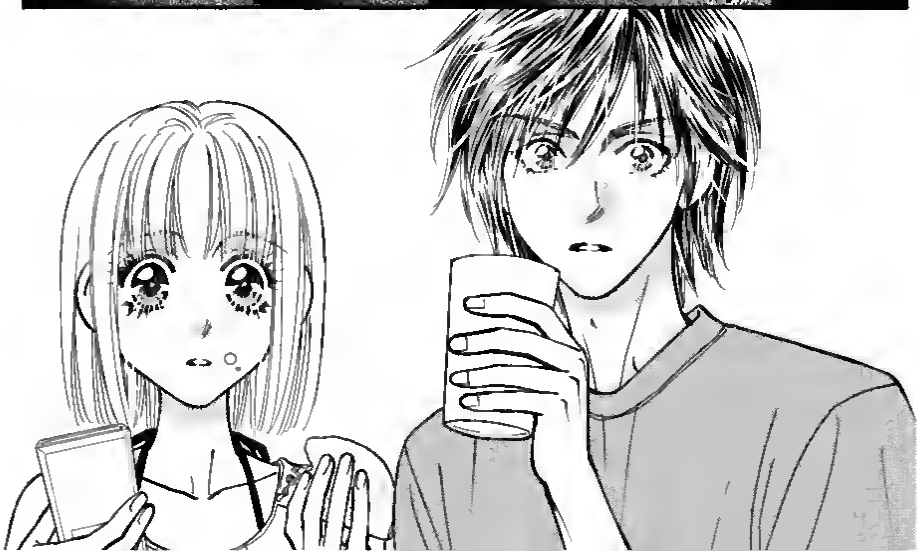
...The typhoon has changed its course to northwest!
It's gaining strength and speed...
...Natsuki-sempai and the others sure are taking a long time.
I wonder if they're okay.
RR RRR
Hello?
Ah, Izumi?
Takashi!

HOOOOOOWWWWL
Where are you!?
We're still on the next island.
We were all shopping and it got late.
What!? I can't hear y—
Sorry; we can't make it back today.
It got here sooner than I expected.
I'll bring the car around.
Eh? What?
I think we can make it back by tomorrow morning...
Can you hear me?
ZAAAAHH
CLICK
TSUUU
TSUUU
I got cut off...
Will those two be okay?
They'll be fine. It's Izumi-sempai and Hana-chan, after all.
.....
Although it would be more fun if something did happen.
Ah
ha
ha
ha
ha

Eh...?
Izumi-sempai? What did he say?
.....
TSUUU
TSUUU
...They can't make it back today...
You're still hungry?
Eeehh? Then what about dinner!?
Awww.
Well I was looking forward to the Ishigaki beef.
Have it cooked for morning steak or something tomorrow.
Then I won't save any of this, and eat it all.

BEEP
I wonder if anyone's showing anything else.
It's all stuff about the typhoon.
Yeah.
Continuing the report on the typhoon
9 pm
3 pm
It's gaining force and approaching the Okinawa area...
Largn scale typhonn approaching Ohinawa. Strong wind warning.

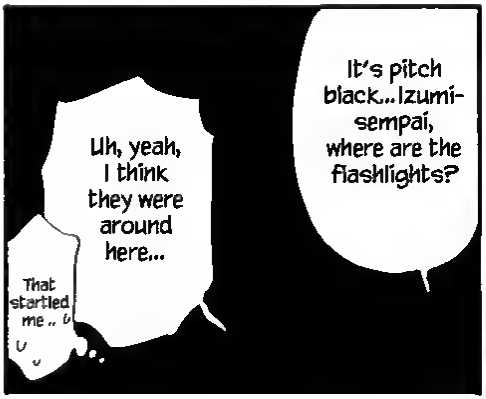
There is clearly something resembling a pale human hand!
Can you all see it?
Right here!
The true identity of the white hand that appears in the darkness!

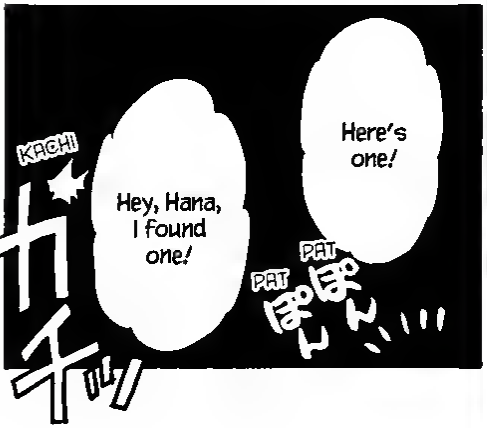


This is not a good spirit.
真剣
Serious
GULP..
It is the spirit of a woman who committed suicide in this area.
It seems she died leaving a lot of resentment.
RATTLE
RATTLE
Something strange appeared in the photograph our staff took here.

WAAAHH!
Ah.
A black-out.

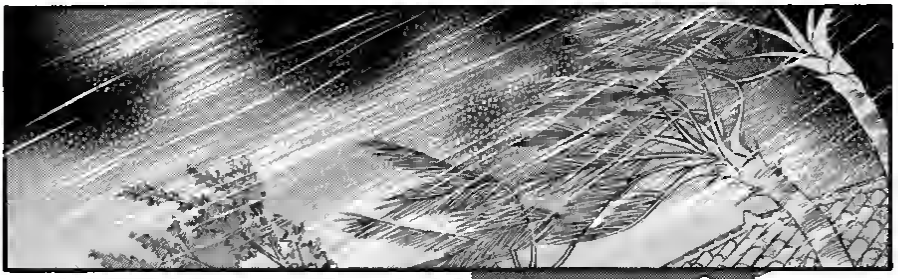
BACHI


It's pitch black... Izumi-sempai, where are the flashlights?
Uh, yeah, I think they were around here...
That startled me..


Here's one!
PAT
PAT
Hey, Hana, I found one!
KACHI

Taking advantage of the confusion! Where do you think you're touching!?
KAPOW
Augh!
GYAAAAHHH!
I-it was beyond my control! I thought I was patting your back!
COUGH
Well, I'm sorry that there's no difference between my back and my front.
BANANA

じっとり
GLARE
Th-the lights aren't coming back, so let's just go to bed!



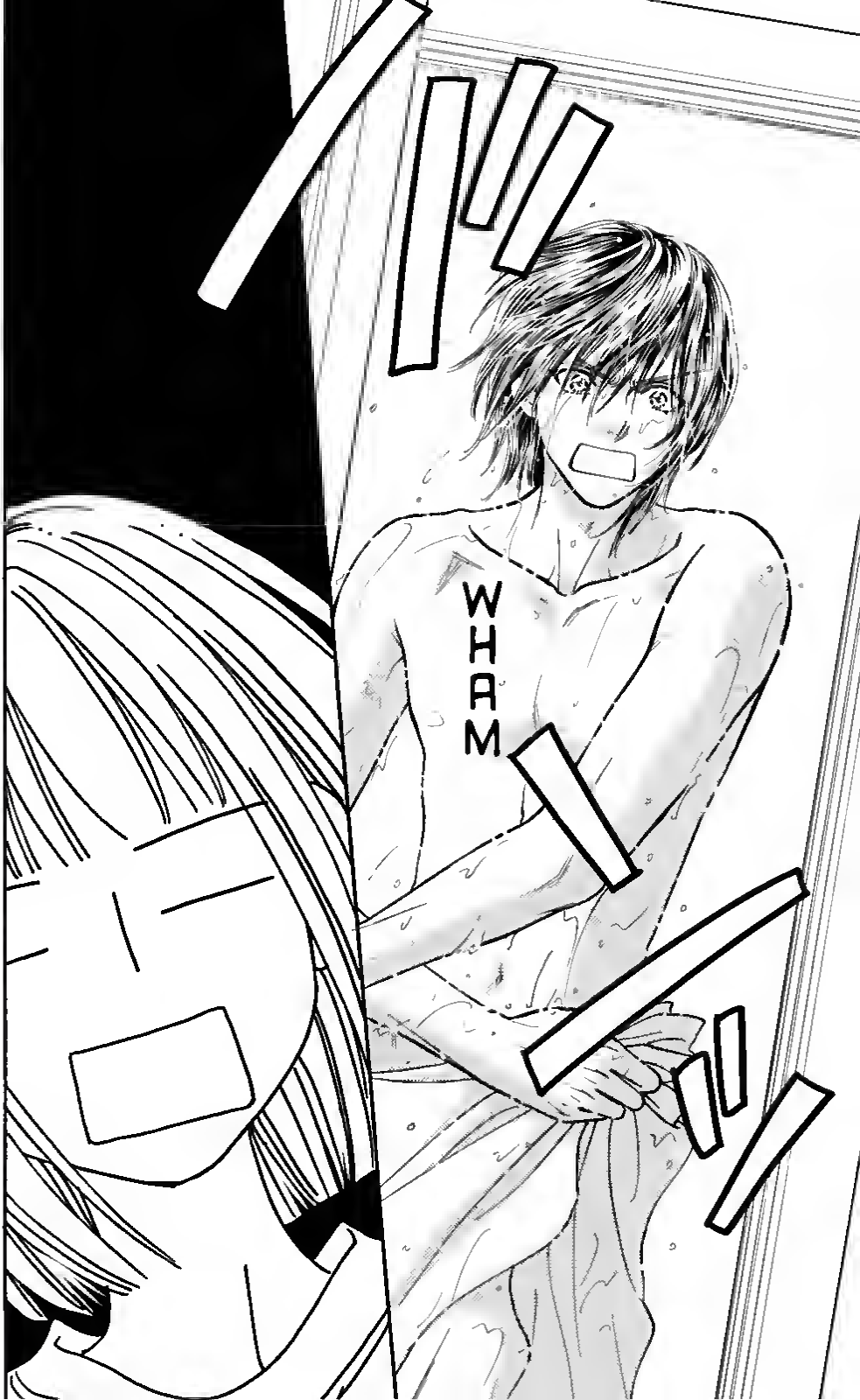
ZAAAHH
Rax
Super R
Shampoo
Let's see...

STARE
Shampoo...
...is it this one?

Man, that Hana.
How's she gonna make it up to me if my face scars?
Oww...
Now I'm all sweaty.
Guess I'll take a shower...

.....
RATTLE
カタ
RATTLE
カタ
Uh-oh...
so I feel like there's something behind me...
...I was watching that TV show
カタ
RATTLE
RATTLE
カタ
RATTLE
カタ
ピカ
START
GATAN
ガー

Ah, the lights.
PAH
Oh good, they're back on.
KACHI
DA
DA
DA
DA
DA
Whew.
カチッ
SLAM
Eh?
ひと
DROP


WHAM

GYAAAAHHH!
Ha!
WHAAAAMMM!
Wh-wh-wh-what is with you all of a sudden!?
PUSH
Fatty
PUSH
Ow ow ow ow...
Izumi-sempai!?
H-Hana! Open up!
No!
Please, open the door!
Never mind, just hurry!
No!
Fatty
SQUIIIIIIIISH

GACHA
Ugh, what is with him?
Th-
that scared me...
PEH
SLAM!
It can't be that Izumi-sempai...
BADUMP
He showed me himself naked before. Is he an exhibitionist?
...Come to think of it,
we're here alone tonight, aren't we...?
BADUMP
BADUMP
It can't be.
That's stupid; I'm going to sleep.
Fatty

I don't *think* so, but for now...
Just in case.
Fatty
...But he *did* grope me earlier.
I thought she was gonna kill me...!
...Dammit!
You remember this, Hana!
STAGGER...
BACHI
BACHI
BACHI
BEEP
PEEEEER

BRIGHT
Please don't go near the coastline...
I'm sorry, Denko-chan...
BRIGHT
This should do it!
Now, let's go to sleep!
We've had as much rain in an hour as we have all season...
It's because it was after watching that thing on TV. Unlike Hana, I'm delicate!
That thing in the bathroom was my imagination.
SNUGGLE
HUH
It still hurts...
...Still, that Hana. She didn't have to squeeze me in the door like that...

.....
Again...
Ah.
...Was it really my imagination...?
If I just go to sleep, it'll be morning before I know it!
It's okay. Be strong!
RATTLE
ガタ
RATTLE
ガタ
RATTLE
ガタ

さっ
SKITTER
……
がば
GABAH

PETAH
SKITTER
!
Something's
here...
WHOOSH
BASH

Hanaaaaa!
DODAH
DA-DA-DA-DAH
START
Izumi-sempai...!
Hey, Hana, open up!
POUND
POUND
POUND
POUND
Hurry!
Open up! Open up!
POUND
POUND
No...

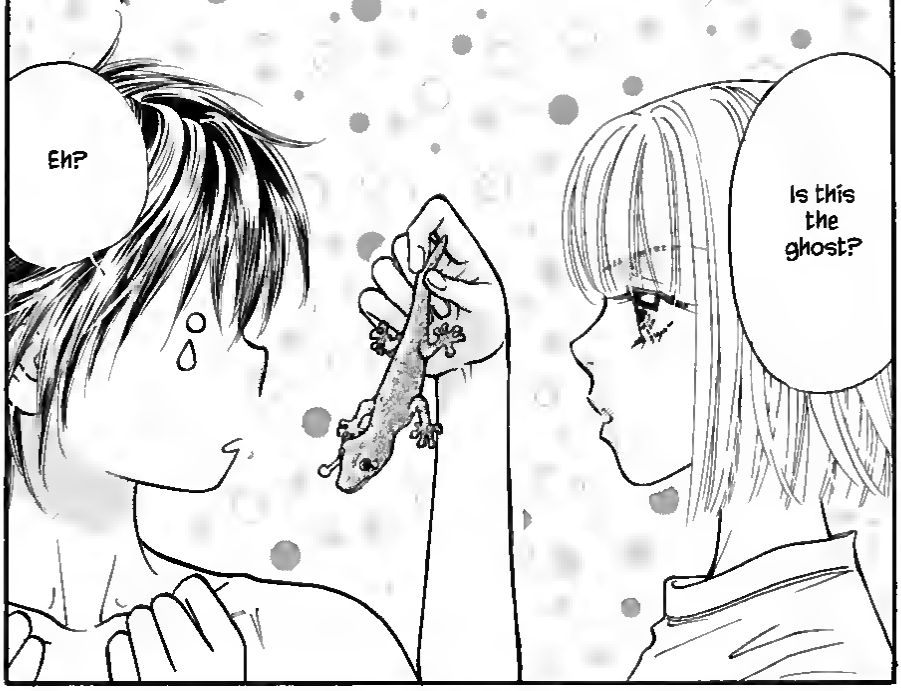
No!
GACHA
GACHA
GACHA
POUND
Shut up! I'm telling you to open the door!
No way.
POUND
No!
Stay away!
GACHA
It can't be. Is Izumi-sempai really...!?
POUND

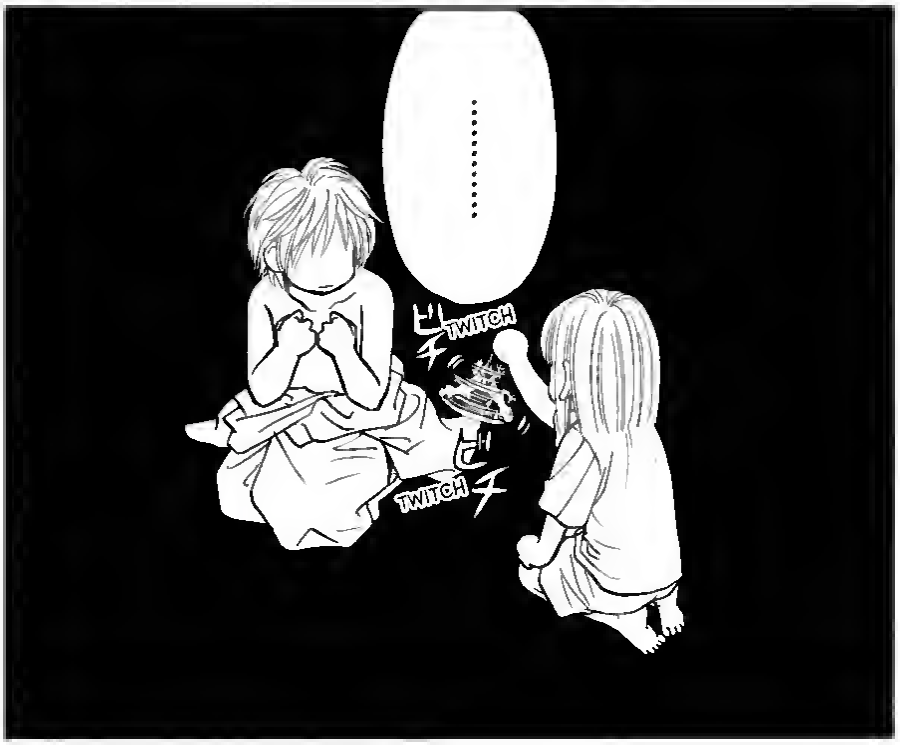
WHOOOOOOOOOSH
CRASH
SLAM
CRASH
ガシャー!!
I-if I run away, I'll die for sure...!!
あわわわ
AWAWAWAWAH
Th-the palm trees are at a 90-degree angle...!!

HAA HAA
HAA HAA
But earlier he said he couldn't tell the difference between my back and my front.
Izumi-sempai, you'd take anyone who's female!?

Hana...!
ドキン
DOKIN
Eh...?
Th-

There's a ghost on my back...!!
Just...
just a minute.
A-a ghost dropped on me from the ceiling...!
Gh?
WAAAHH! It moved!
モゴ
MOGO
.....
GOSO
GOSO


Eh?
Is this the ghost?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TWITCH
TWITCH

Mm-hm
Mm-hm
There.
Now let it go.
Huh. It says there are lots of geckos in Okinawa.
It says they're guardian deities of homes, so please don't treat them roughly.
BLUSH
What the heck...
Izumi-sempai is so misleading...
.....
It wasn't a ghost.
Well good for you.
D-
Don't laugh! It's your fault for changing the channel!
...pff
Bururu Okinawa
Beach vacations, starting with what to do at your hotel.
Okinawa
BLUE SEA

Doesn't matter. It's my house.
Everyone will be shocked when they get back.
What are we going to do about this?
Shut up!
WHAT!?
If you didn't like it, you could have changed the channel yourself!
GYAAH!
GYAAH!
I'm tired, so I'm going to sleep.
I'm sorry. You can use any of the free rooms.
SMIRK
SMIRK
The lights aren't back on yet; will you be okay without me?
Are you okay by yourself now?
.....
Fatty

I'm not okay.
Eh?
DOKIN
...I meant to be sarcastic...

Up to here is my territory.
If you cross this line, you will be mercilessly punished.
I know already!
Oh well...
Then goodnight.
Dangerous weapon
'Night.
.....

SHOONK
POKE
ちょん
GYAAAAHH!
Shut up! Go to sleep!!!
Y-you don't have to do it so hard!!

See you in volume 3 ♪ The End

Superdeluxe Four-Frame Comic, number 1

My Heavenly Club Club 1

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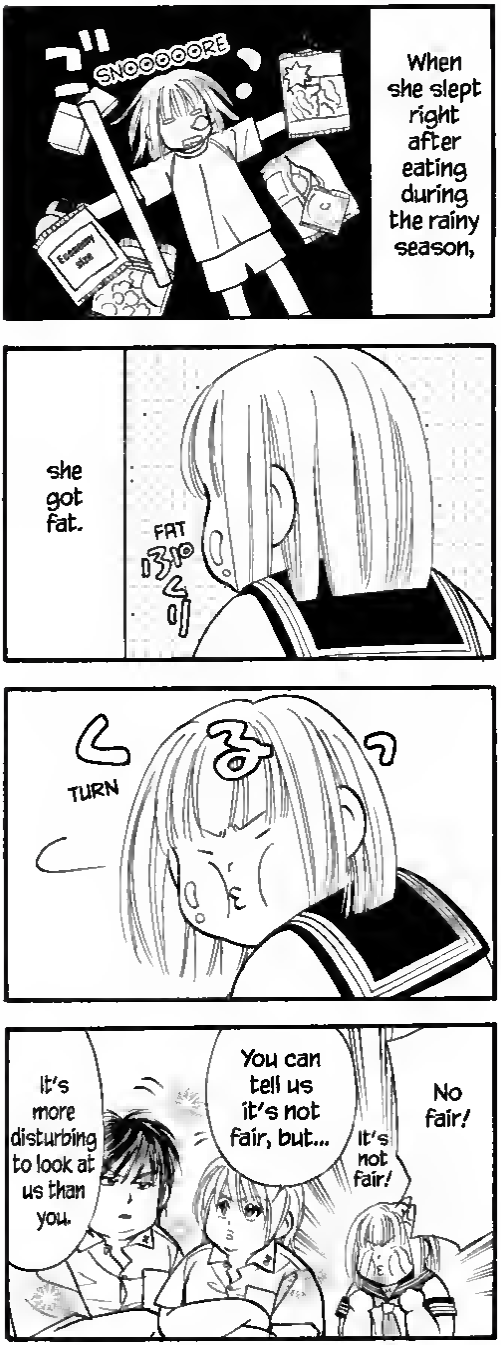
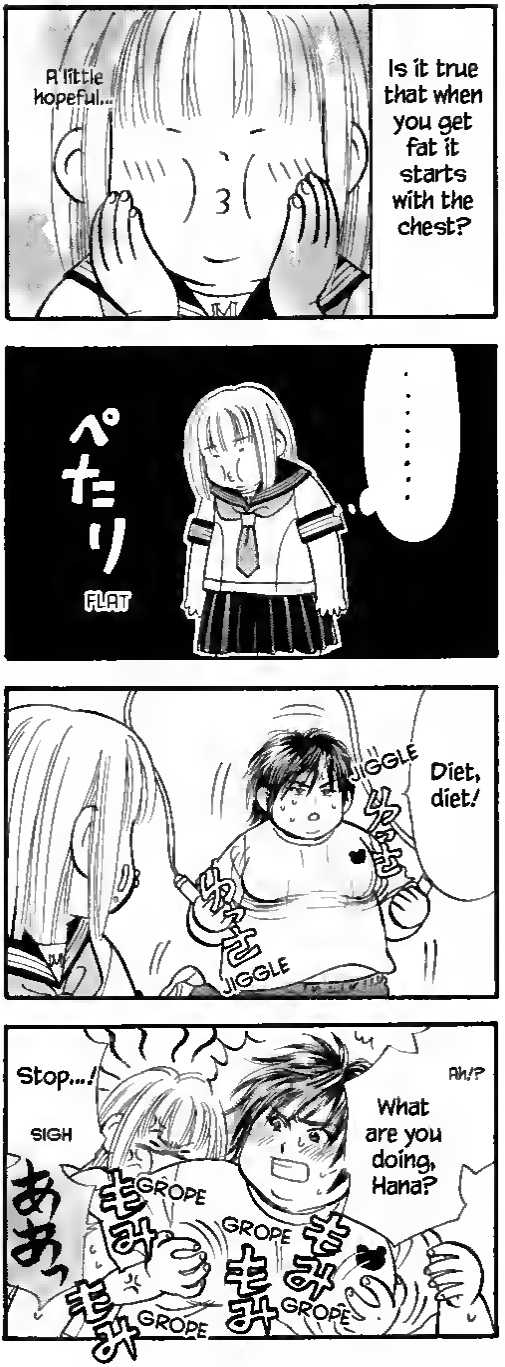

SNOOOOORE
When she slept right after eating during the rainy season,
she got fat.
FAT
TURN
It's more disturbing to look at us than you.
You can tell us it's not fair, but...
It's not fair!
No fair!

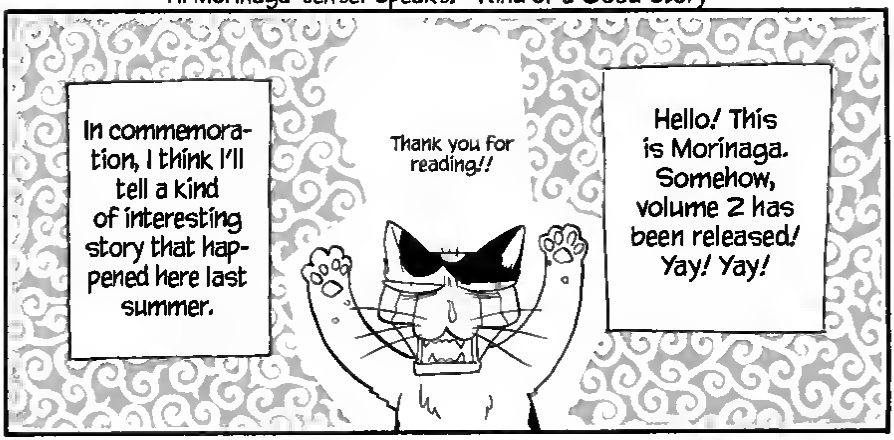
Superdeluxe Four-Frame Comic, number 3

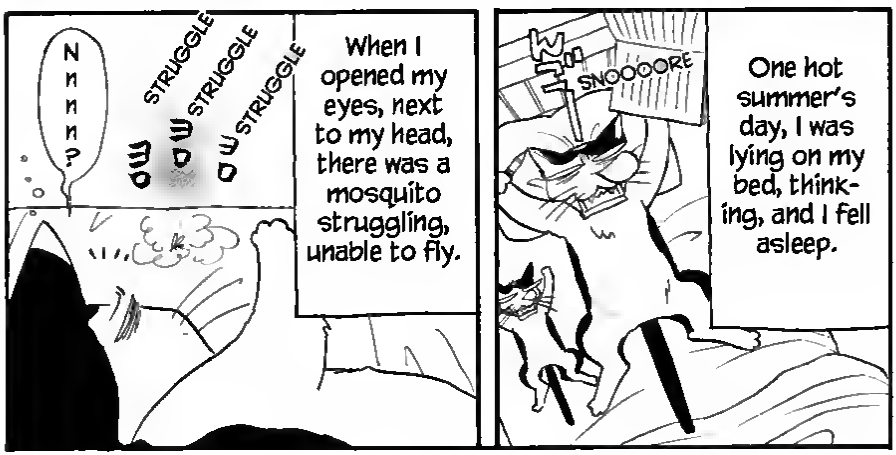
It was a bitter-sweet feeling, so I tried drawing it.

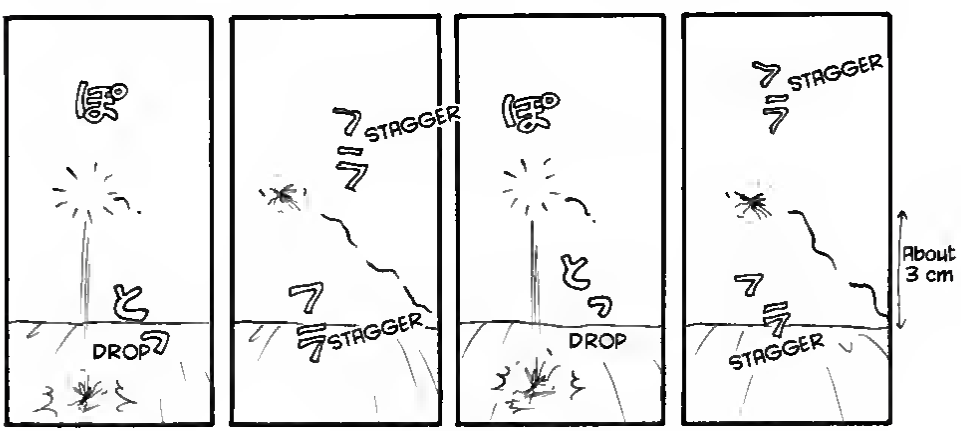


On the way to the convenience store, I passed by a young man whose chest was jiggling violently on the uneven pavement.

The End ♡


Hello! This is Morinaga. Somehow, volume 2 has been released! Yay! Yay!
Thank you for reading!!
In commemoration, I think I'll tell a kind of interesting story that happened here last summer.


Nnnn?
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
When I opened my eyes, next to my head, there was a mosquito struggling, unable to fly.
SNOOOORE
One hot summer's day, I was lying on my bed, thinking, and I fell asleep.


DROP
STAGGER
STAGGER
DROP
STAGGER
STAGGER
About 3 cm

Kill it before it sucks my blood!
Uryah!
SLAP
What's with this guy?
STAGGER
STAGGER
STAGGER
SPLATTER
An impossible amount of blood.
Apparently it couldn't fly because it had sucked so much blood its stomach was too heavy.
My blood.
Upon discovering the reason it couldn't fly, I calmed down a little.

Now please look forward to volume 3

Translation Notes

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction in our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Kamakura dorayaki, page 8

A Japanese snack made of bean paste sandwiched between flour pancakes. Apparently it is the favorite food of the popular Japanese animated character Doraemon.

Akagiyama, page 11

Akagiyama is a volcano in central Japan. The pennant's significance is that it's a souvenir, and not related to hockey as much as it is to traveling.

Anko, page 15

Anko is a red bean paste.

Bussanten, page 29

Bussanten literally means "goods shop." A department store will hold a kind of fair at which they sell foods from different regions of Japan. In this case, Hokkaido, the northernmost island of Japan, is being showcased.

You like bussanten, don't you, Hana-chan?
When the match is over, let's go together. It'll be my treat.
The Nantsu Department Store is having a Hokkaido bussanten starting this weekend.

Jaga-butter, page 52

A baked potato with butter.

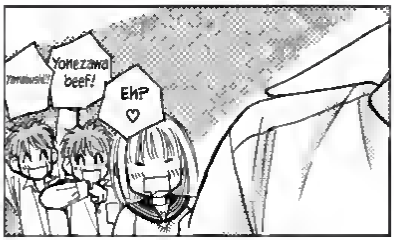
Izumi-sempai, can I have a jaga-butter?
Aww But he was such a good stomach pillow.
Hey, Hana. Don't ever do anything like that again.

Azuki and *meso-ramen*, page 53

Azuki means "red beans." *Meso* is a type of small eel, so *meso-ramen* is noodles served with eel.

Sato Nishiki and Satô's time of death, page 59

Sato Nishiki is the name of a famous kind of Japanese cherry grown mainly in Yamagata prefecture. But since Hana hasn't heard of it, she makes up her own interpretation of the term. Satô is a common Japanese name, and *shiki* can mean "time of death."



Yonezawa beef, page 62

Yonezawa is found in the Yamagata prefecture, and its beef is considered to be among the best beef in Japan.

Yamabushi, page 62

Yamabushi were originally warrior monks and ascetics—monks who dedicate themselves to their religion by abstaining from all worldly desires. Today, *yamabushi* refers to modern ascetics. In Yamagata, there is a place where people can experience *yamabushi* training, which includes fasting, meditating under waterfalls, and walking on fire.

Momotaro, page 69

Momotaro is a character from Japanese folklore, and the name is used here as a brand name. Momotaro was born from a peach, so it seems appropriate that a produce company would take his name.

Shiomi manju, page 99

Salty cakes.

Furano milk pudding and double-fromage cheesecake, page 99

Both are foods they most likely got at the Hokkaido *bussanten*. Apparently the best milk pudding in Japan is made in Furano, a city in Hokkaido.

Judo Dreams, page 100

Judo Dreams, or *Judo Icchokusen (The Straight Line of Judo)*, is a manga about a boy who wants to be the world judo champion that was made into a popular TV drama in the 60s and 70s.

I want some uni
Mmm, Hokkaido food really is delicious.
Some nama-uni from Rebunto.
Then maybe next time I'll order some nama-uni.
MUNCH
MUNCH

Uni, *nama-uni*, and Rebunto, page 100

Uni is sea urchin, and *nama-uni* is raw sea urchin. Rebunto is an island in Hokkaido.

Unidon, page 101

Don is a large bowl, so *unidon* would be an *uni* served in a large bowl.

Chub Club, page 104

Since *bu* means "club," and *debu* means "chubby" or "fat," they are considering being the "*de-bu*" instead of the *hockeybu*.

Jigoku-guruma, page 104

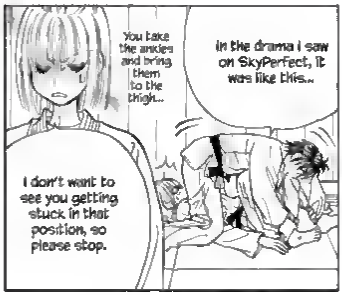
Jigoku-guruma means "Hell Wheel" and is the certain kill move made famous by *Judo Dreams*.

W-would you quit going into things image-first already—?
Are you okay, Hana-chan?
Tying my hair up in a rubber band—this'll be a pain to get out. This is why I hate boys...
Iron
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

Iron *geta*, page 109

Geta is the kind of footwear the Hockey Club is now wearing. Iron *geta* are worn by characters in manga such as *Judo Dreams* to help the martial artists get stronger.

SkyPerfect, page 117
A TV network in Japan.


You take the ankles and bring them to the thigh...
In the drama I saw on SkyPerfect, it was like this...
I don't want to see you getting stuck in that position, so please stop.

This year we're bringing back the *Kinshûki* for sure!
Yeah!
This is harder than I thought. Maybe we should look at the manga again for research.

***Kinshûki*, page 120**
The *Kinshûki*, or Golden Eagle Flag, is the prize for the national high school judo tournament held each year in Japan.

***Tatami*, page 120**
A straw floor covering used for Japanese-style rooms. Because judo is a Japanese art, they would use a Japanese room to practice in.

The gentle way, page 135
Another name for judo.

Ishigaki beef, *sôki soba*, *goya* burgers, and Blue Seal ice cream, page 140

Ishigaki beef is high-quality beef from the Okinawa area. *Sôki soba* is a dish of noodles with a big piece of pork on top. *Goya* is a vegetable in the gourd family, grown in Okinawa. Blue Seal is a brand of ice cream, like Baskin-Robbins.

Goya, *beni-imo*, and sugarcane, page 145

These are all flavors of Blue Seal ice cream. *Beni-imo* is a red-purple sweet potato.

Denko-chan, page 160

Denko is the name Izumi made up for the electricity that he is using in so much excess. *Denki* means "electricity," and many Japanese girls' names end in *-ko*.